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**OZONE BABY'S PRESSURE**

**PART ③**





THE 'PEARS' THAT THE BOY'S PARENTS GREW WERE JUDGED TO HAVE MAGNIFICENT SWEETNESS AND WON AWARDS AT COMPETITIONS FOR IT.



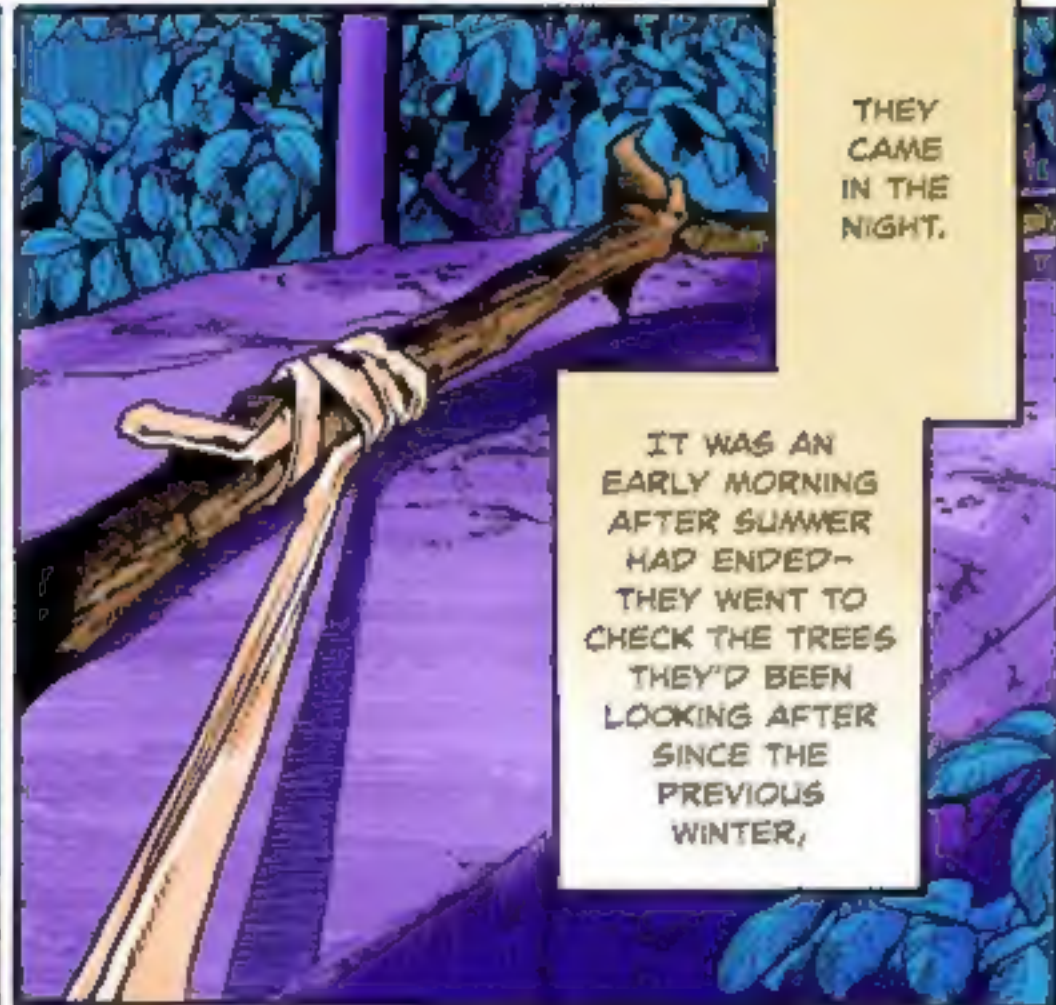
AT THE END OF FALL, THE MONEY THEY MADE FROM THEIR ORCHARD ROSE TO 80 MILLION YEN.



THE FATHER AND MOTHER WERE BACKED INTO A CORNER—AND FORCED TO PART WITH THE ORCHARD.

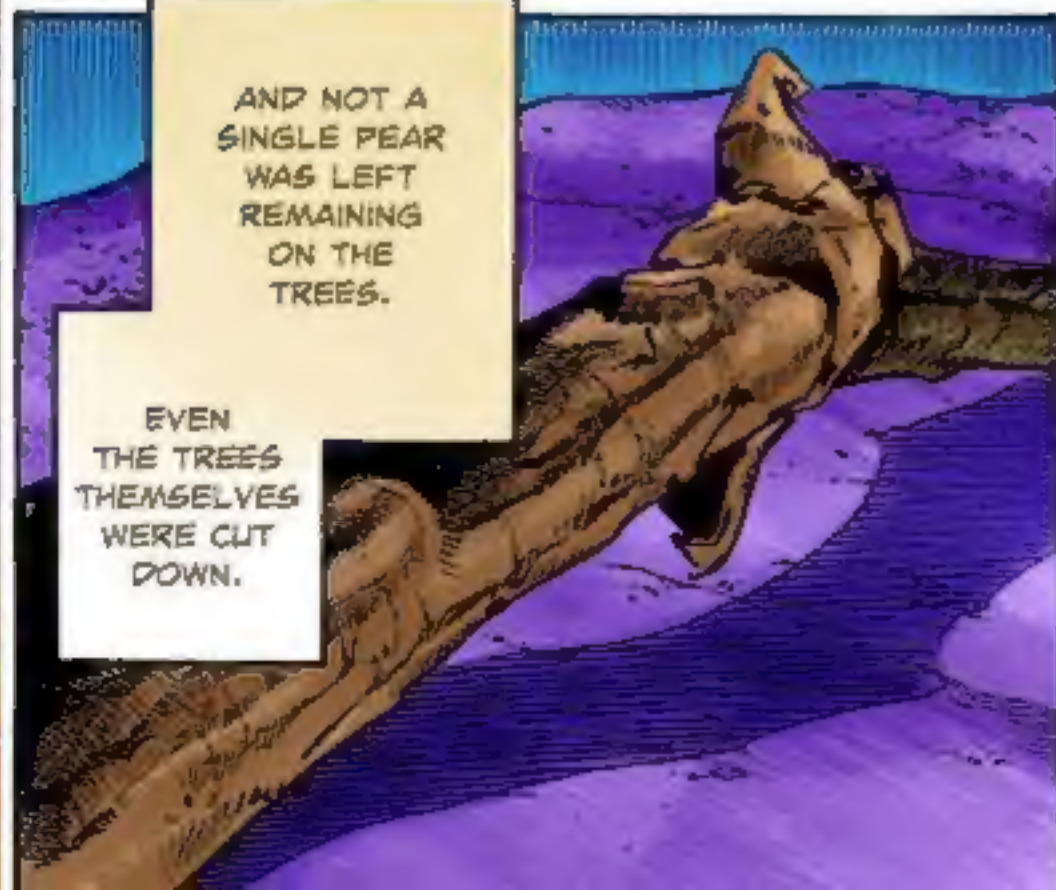


THE USURPERS WERE CONNECTED WITH SOME LOCAL MONEY-LENDERS.



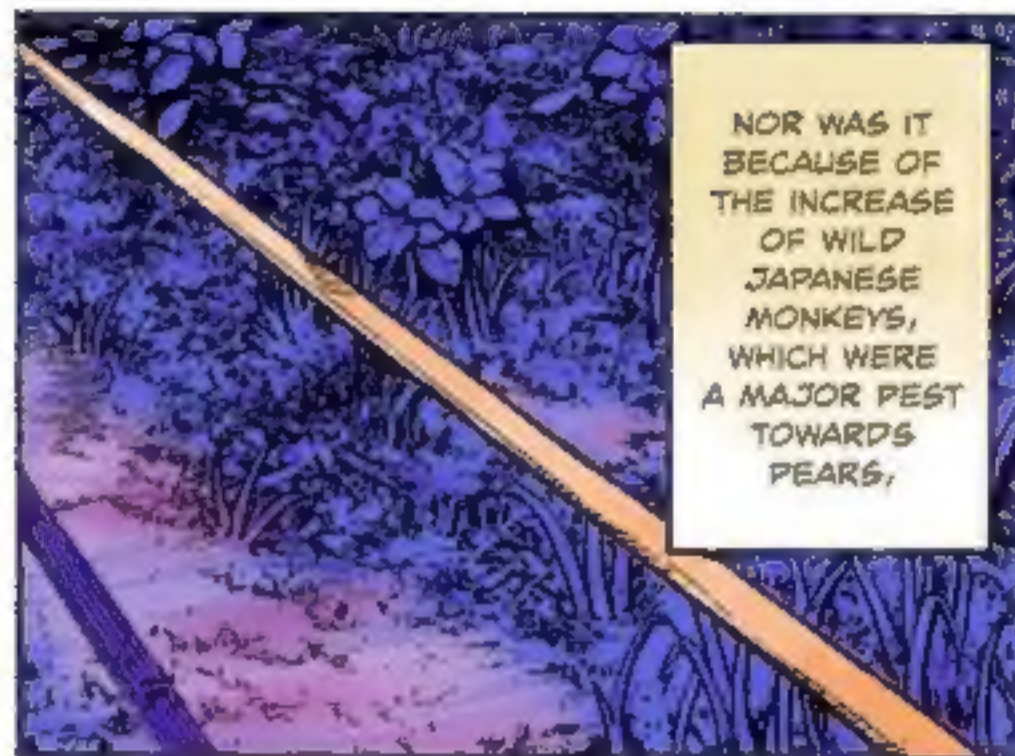
THEY CAME IN THE NIGHT.

IT WAS AN EARLY MORNING AFTER SUMMER HAD ENDED—THEY WENT TO CHECK THE TREES THEY'D BEEN LOOKING AFTER SINCE THE PREVIOUS WINTER,



AND NOT A SINGLE PEAR WAS LEFT REMAINING ON THE TREES.

EVEN THE TREES THEMSELVES WERE CUT DOWN.



NOR WAS IT BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE OF WILD JAPANESE MONKEYS, WHICH WERE A MAJOR PEST TOWARDS PEARS,



IT WAS BECAUSE THEIR CULTIVATION TECHNIQUES LEAKED TO OTHER PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY.



WAS NOT DUE TO TYPHOONS, DROUGHTS, OR ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE WEATHER,

STILL, WHERE THE BOY'S PARENTS FAILED IN OPERATING THEIR ORCHARD





THE BOY, WHO  
WAS MOODY  
AND DISLIKED  
PEOPLE SINCE  
HE WAS A  
CHILD,

COULD NEVER  
FORGIVE HIS  
PARENTS'  
ERROR- AND  
CURSED HIS  
FATE.



YET THE BOY WAS  
FIRST ABLE TO  
CULTIVATE AND SELL  
STRAWBERRIES  
ON THE PLATEAU

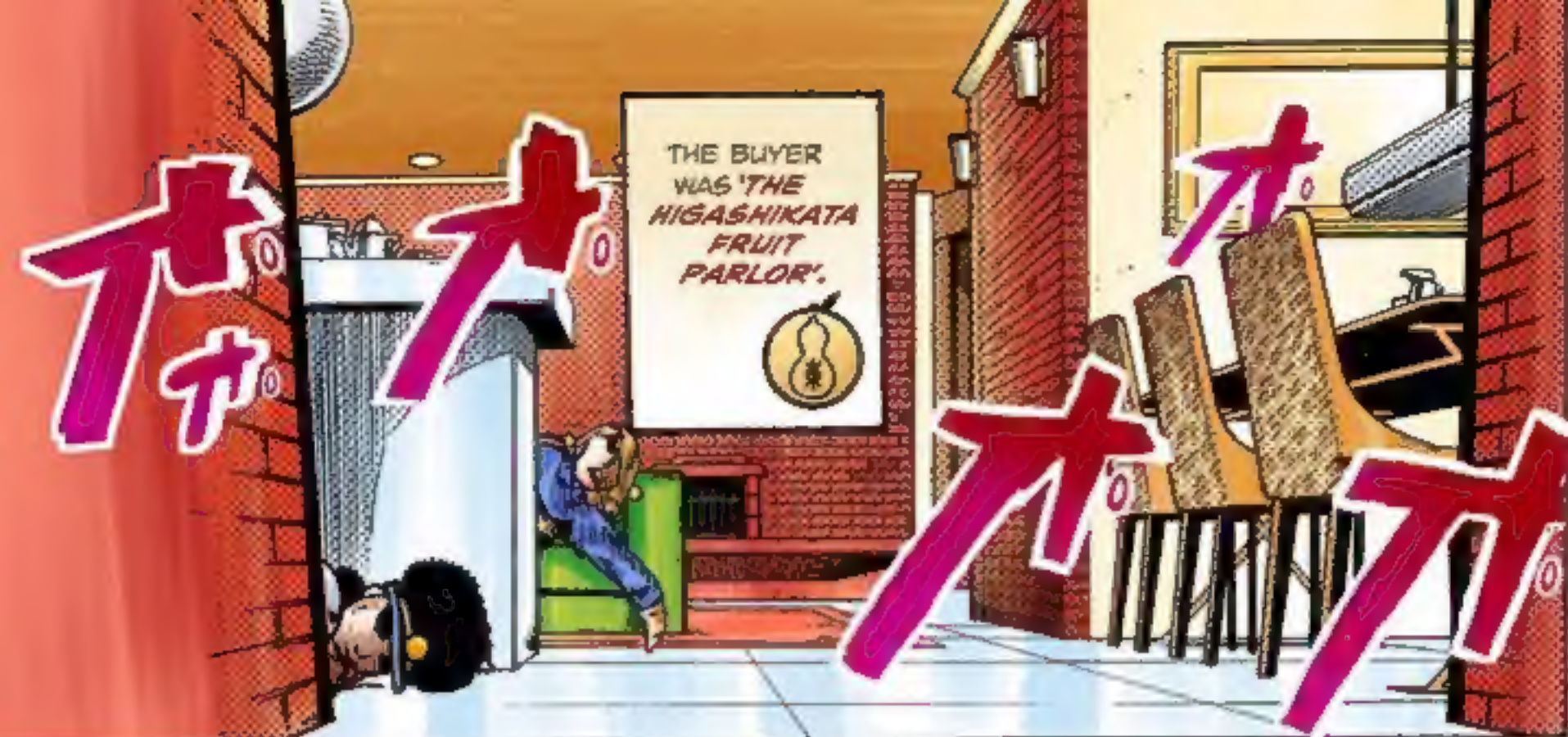


WAS WHEN  
HE WAS  
17 YEARS  
OLD-



HE BEGAN  
LIVING ALONE  
ON A DECAYING  
SKI SLOPE, AT  
AN ALTITUDE OF  
1,200 METERS;  
NOT A PLACE  
WELL SUITED  
TO CULTIVATE  
FRUIT TREES.

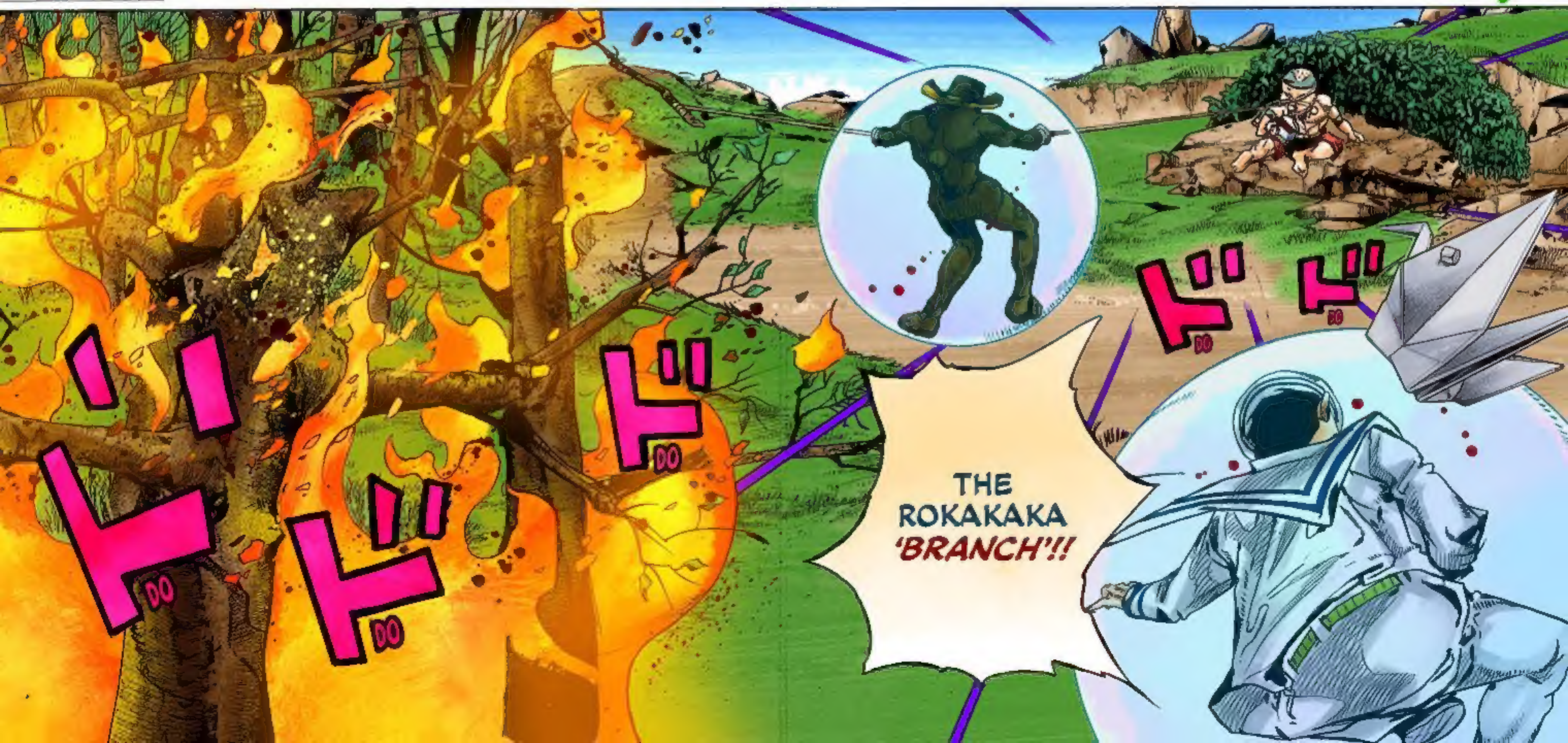
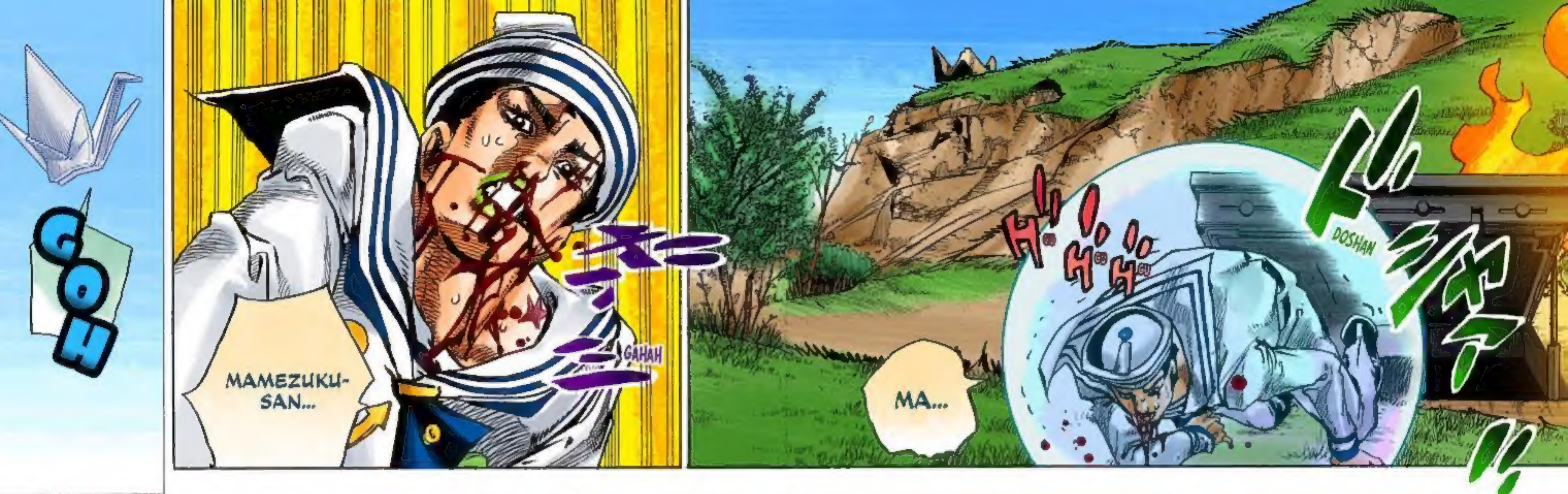




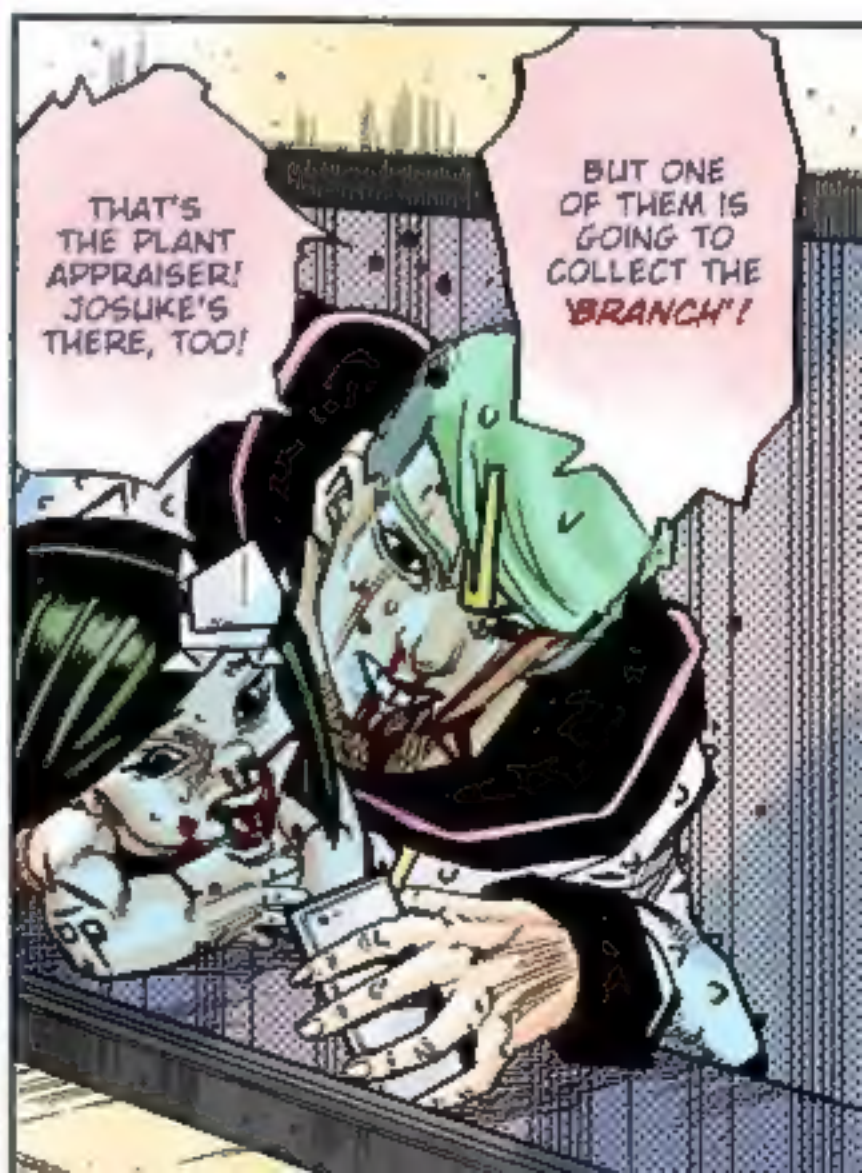




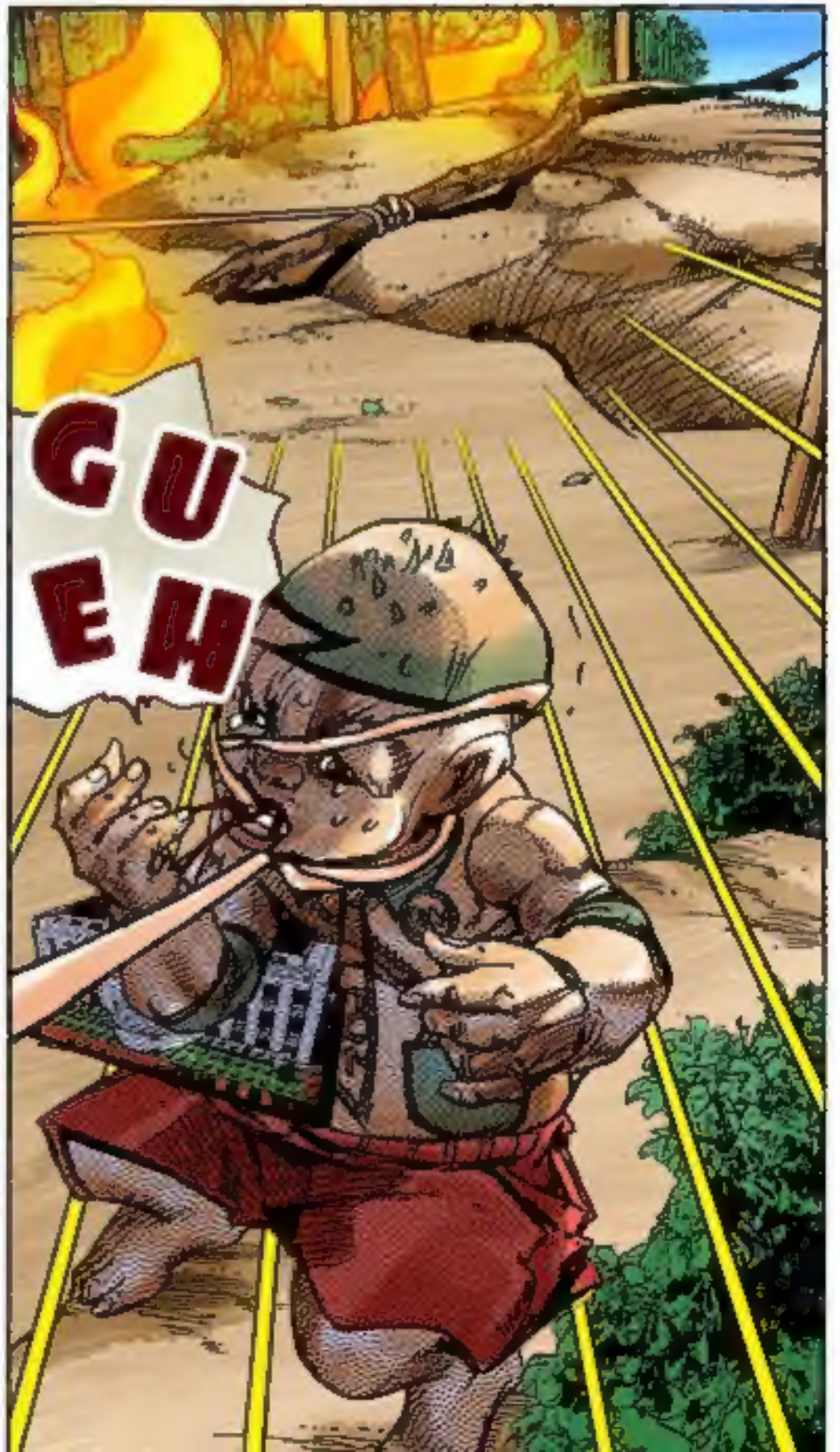




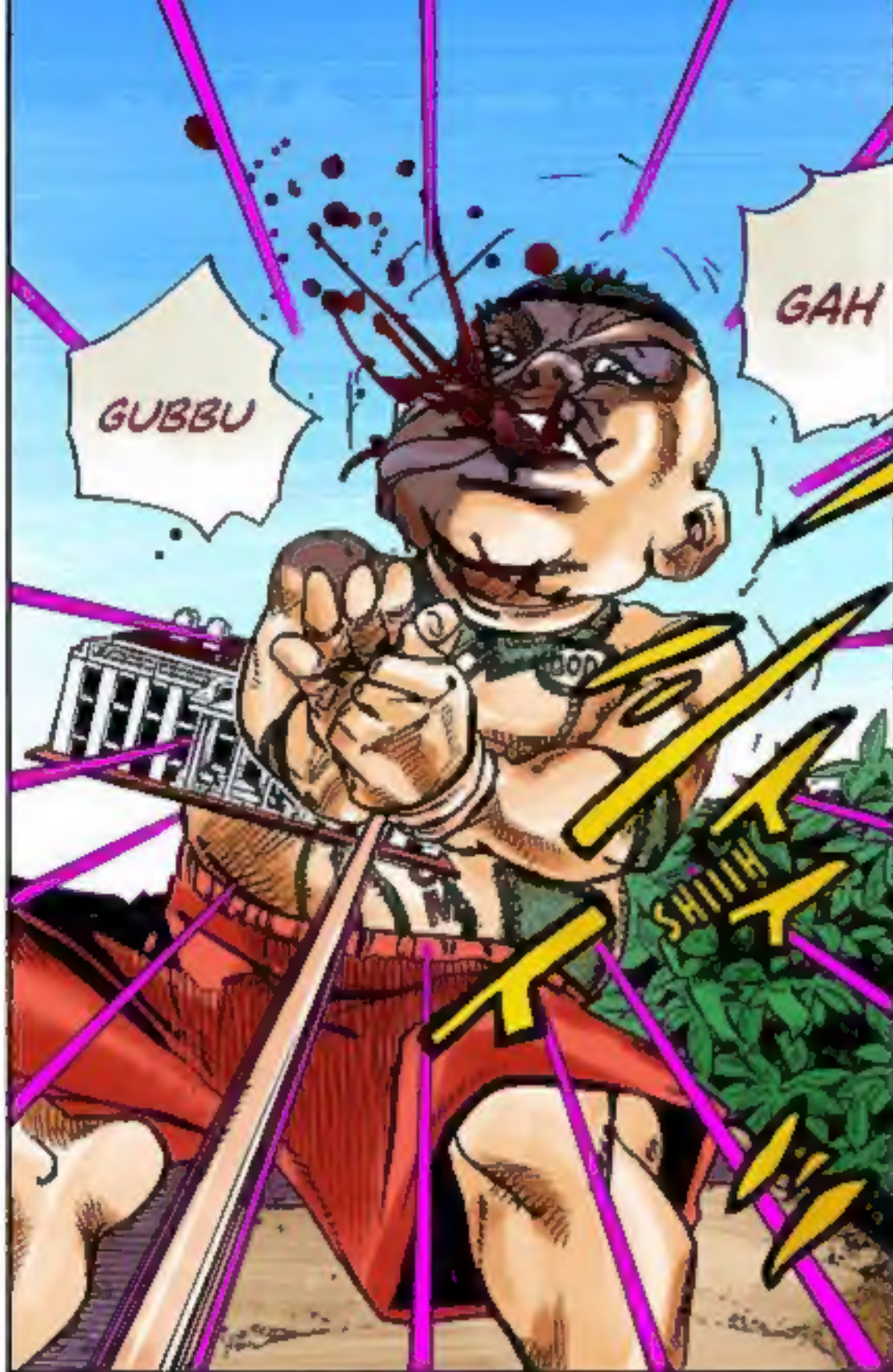
















SNUGGLE  
HER  
THIGHS...

I WAS  
GONNA  
USE HER  
LAP AS A  
PILLOW...

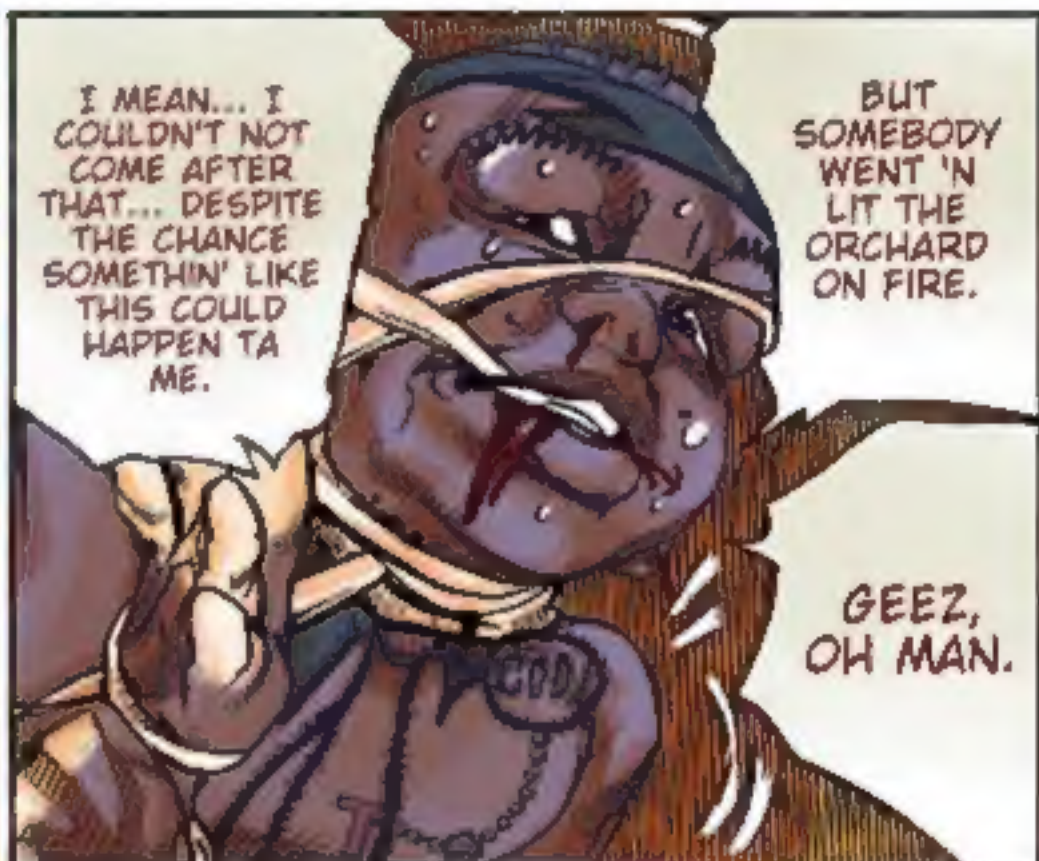
...AND SIT  
AROUND WITHOUT  
A CARE IN THE  
WORLD WAITING  
FOR YOU GUYS TO  
GET CRUSHED  
TO A PULP.

UNTIL A  
MINUTE AGO,  
I WAS IN A  
NICE, SUNNY  
ROOM.

ALL WARM  
AND COMFY FROM  
THE WARMTH  
OF A GIRL,  
DAMMIT!



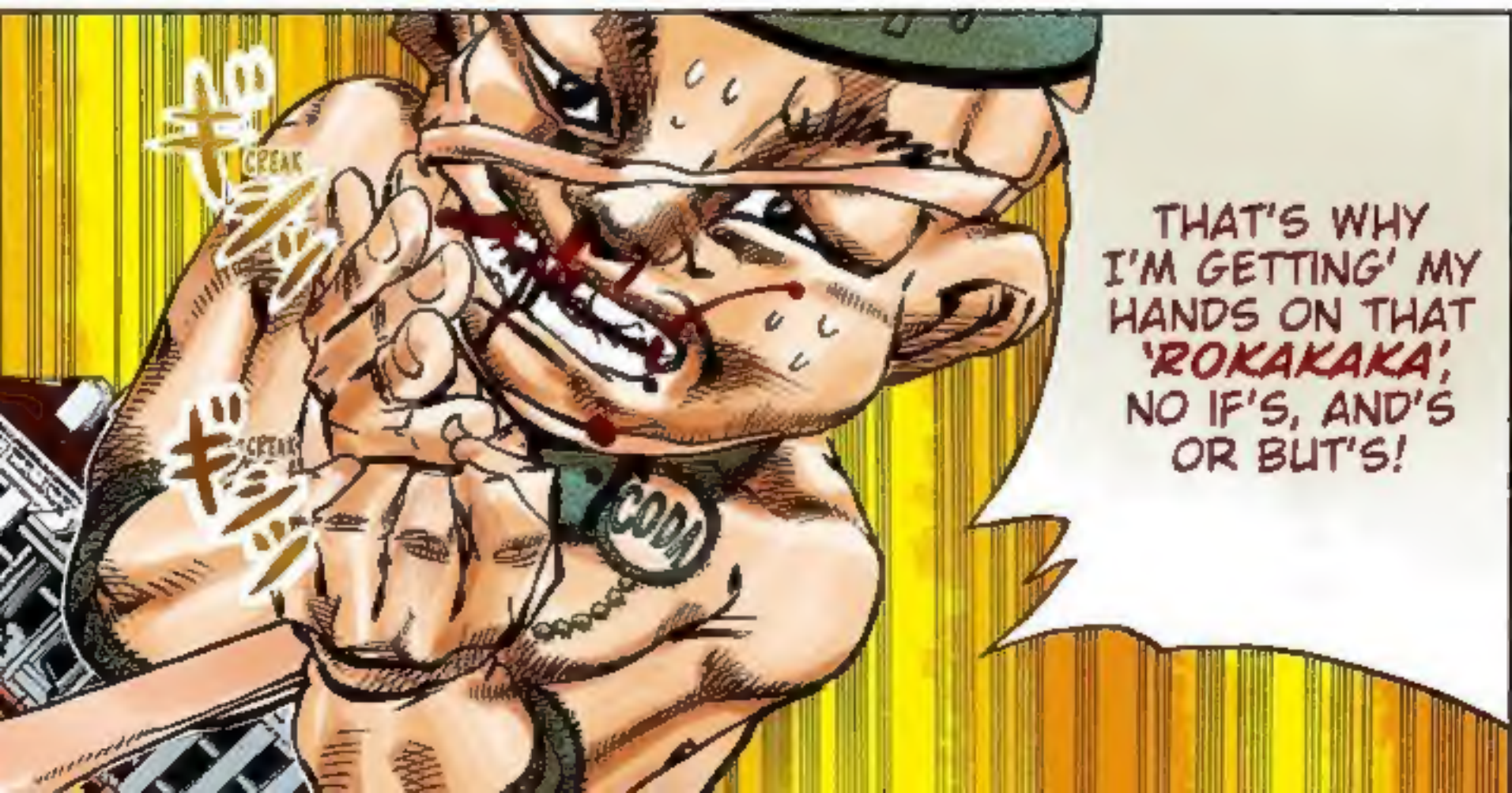
QUANG



I MEAN... I  
COULDN'T NOT  
COME AFTER  
THAT... DESPITE  
THE CHANCE  
SOMETHIN' LIKE  
THIS COULD  
HAPPEN TA  
ME.

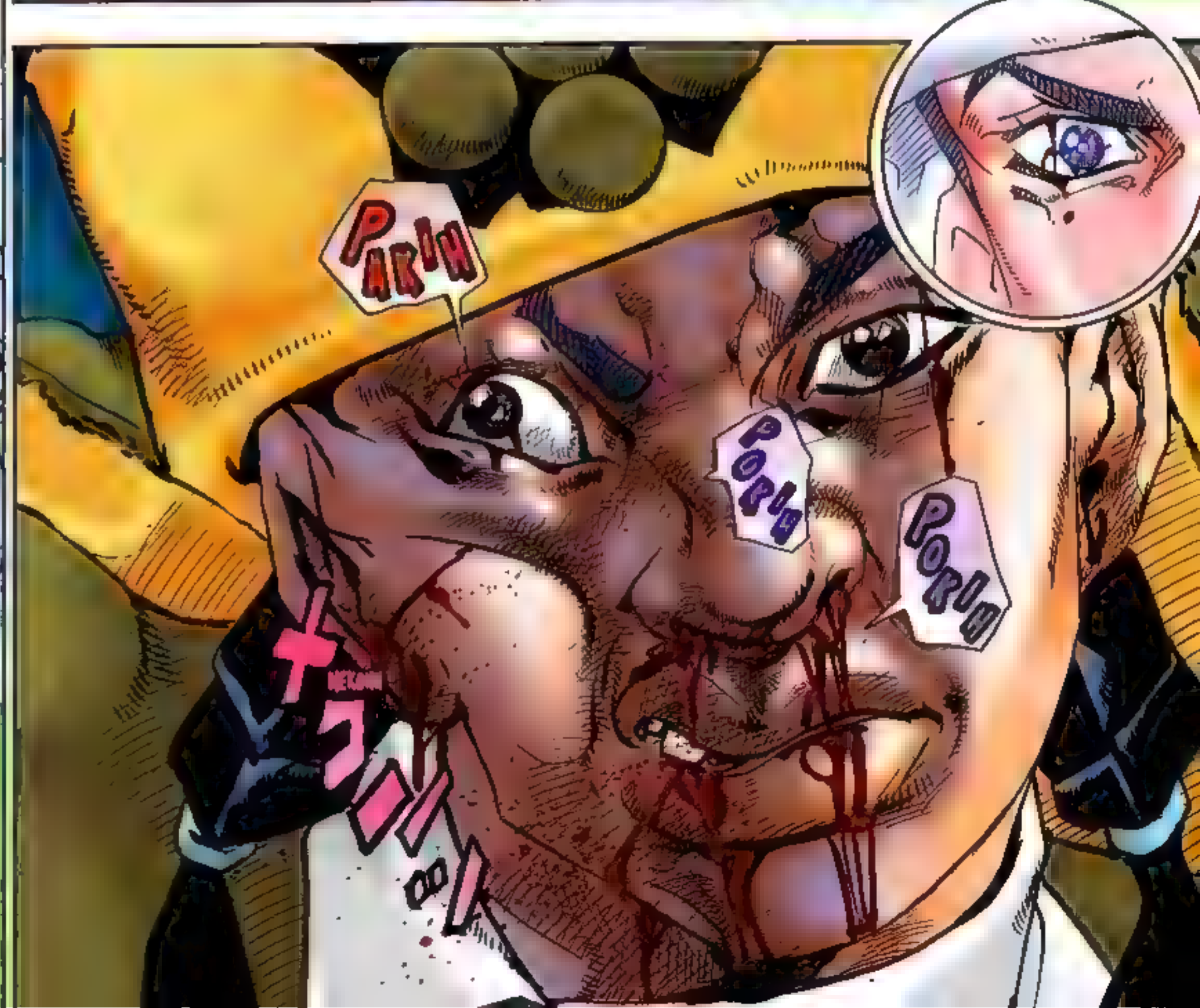
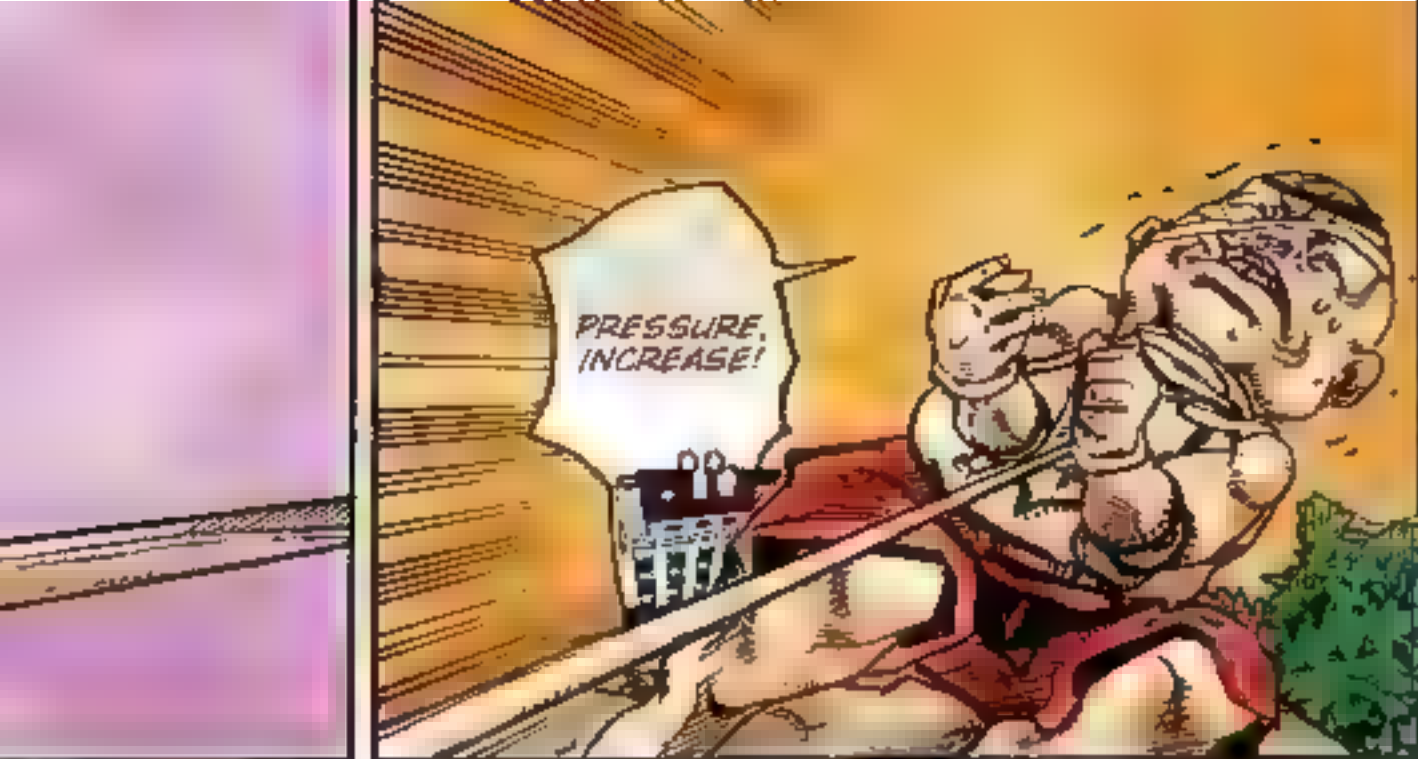
BUT  
SOMEBODY  
WENT 'N  
LIT THE  
ORCHARD  
ON FIRE.

GEEZ,  
OH MAN.

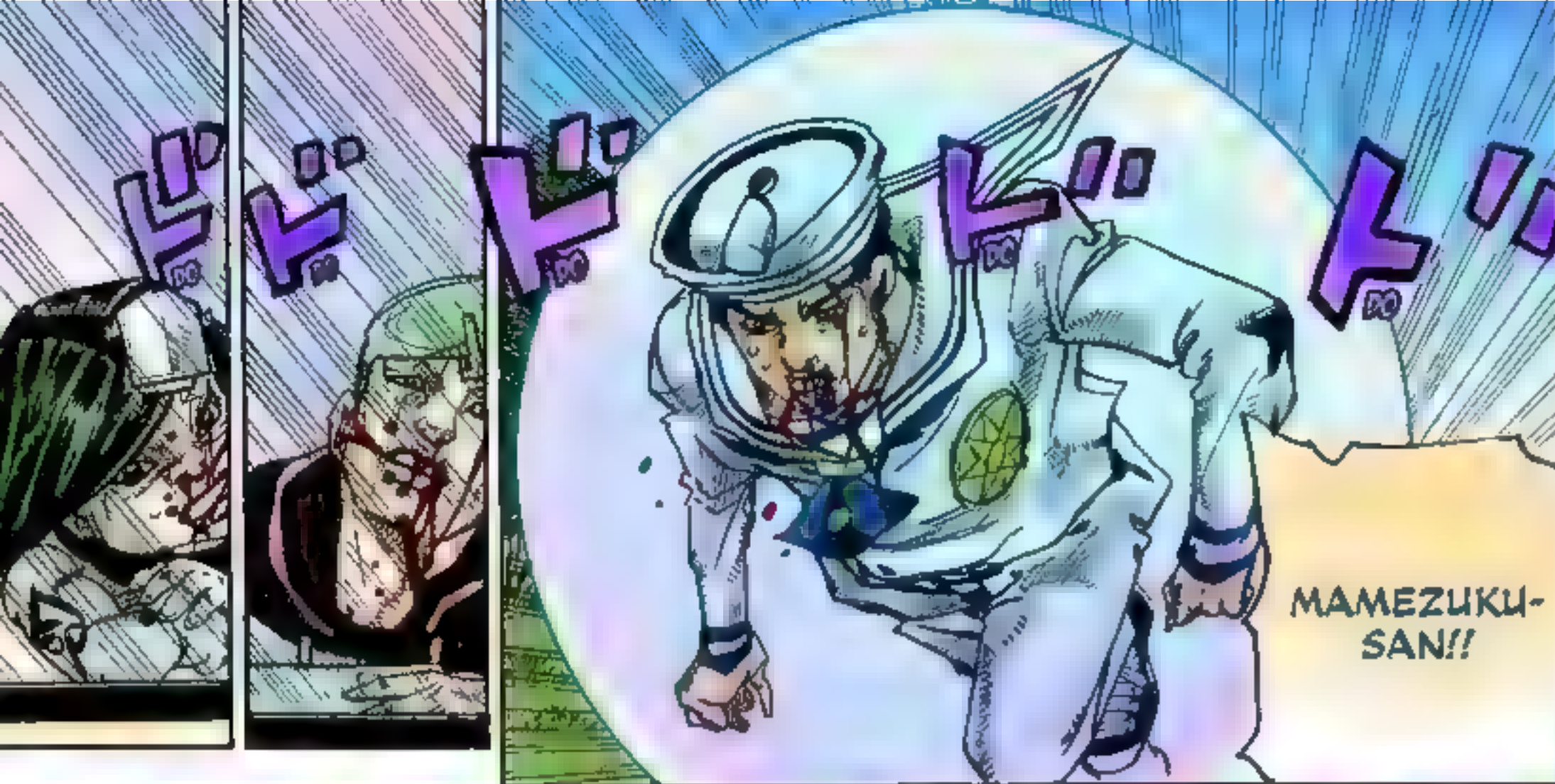


THAT'S WHY  
I'M GETTING' MY  
HANDS ON THAT  
'ROKAKAKA',  
NO IF'S, AND'S  
OR BUT'S!

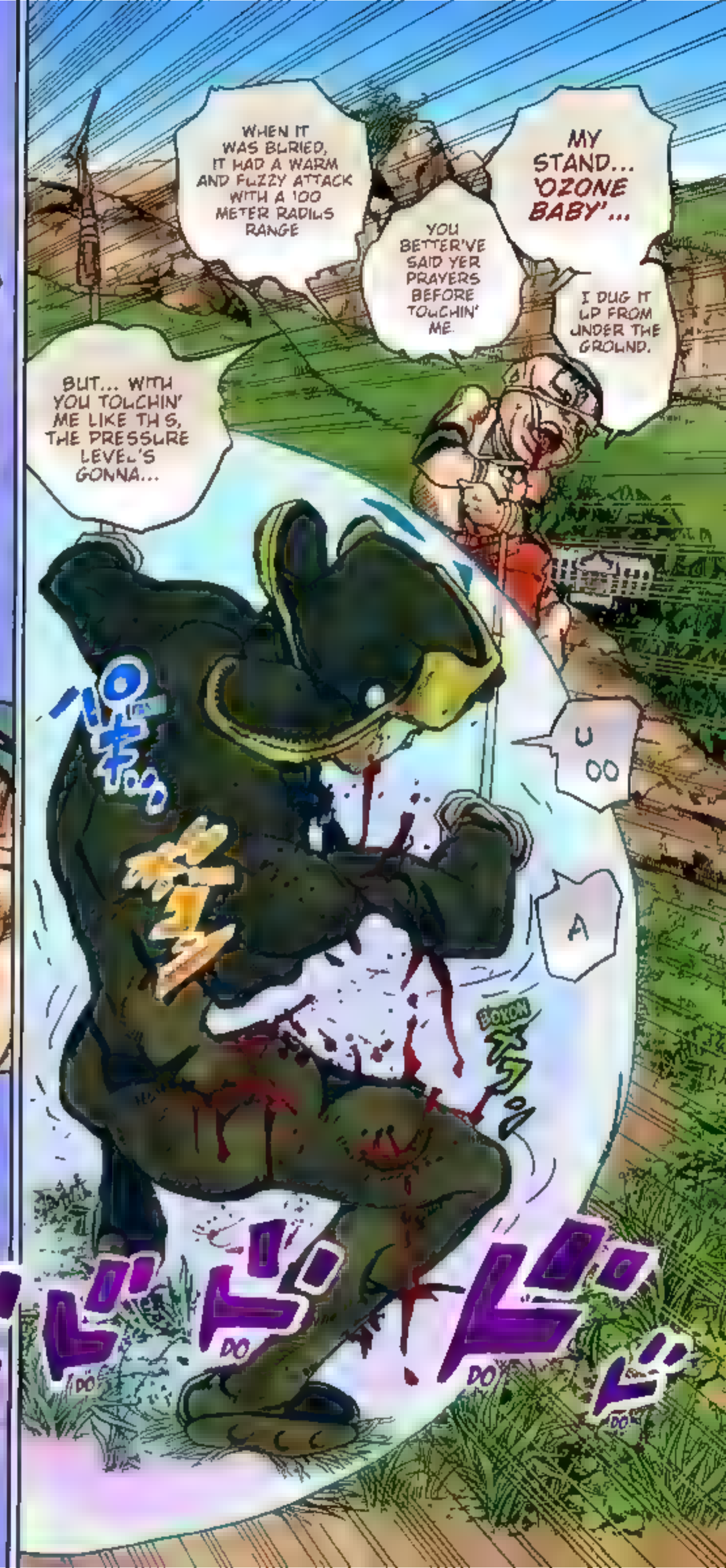
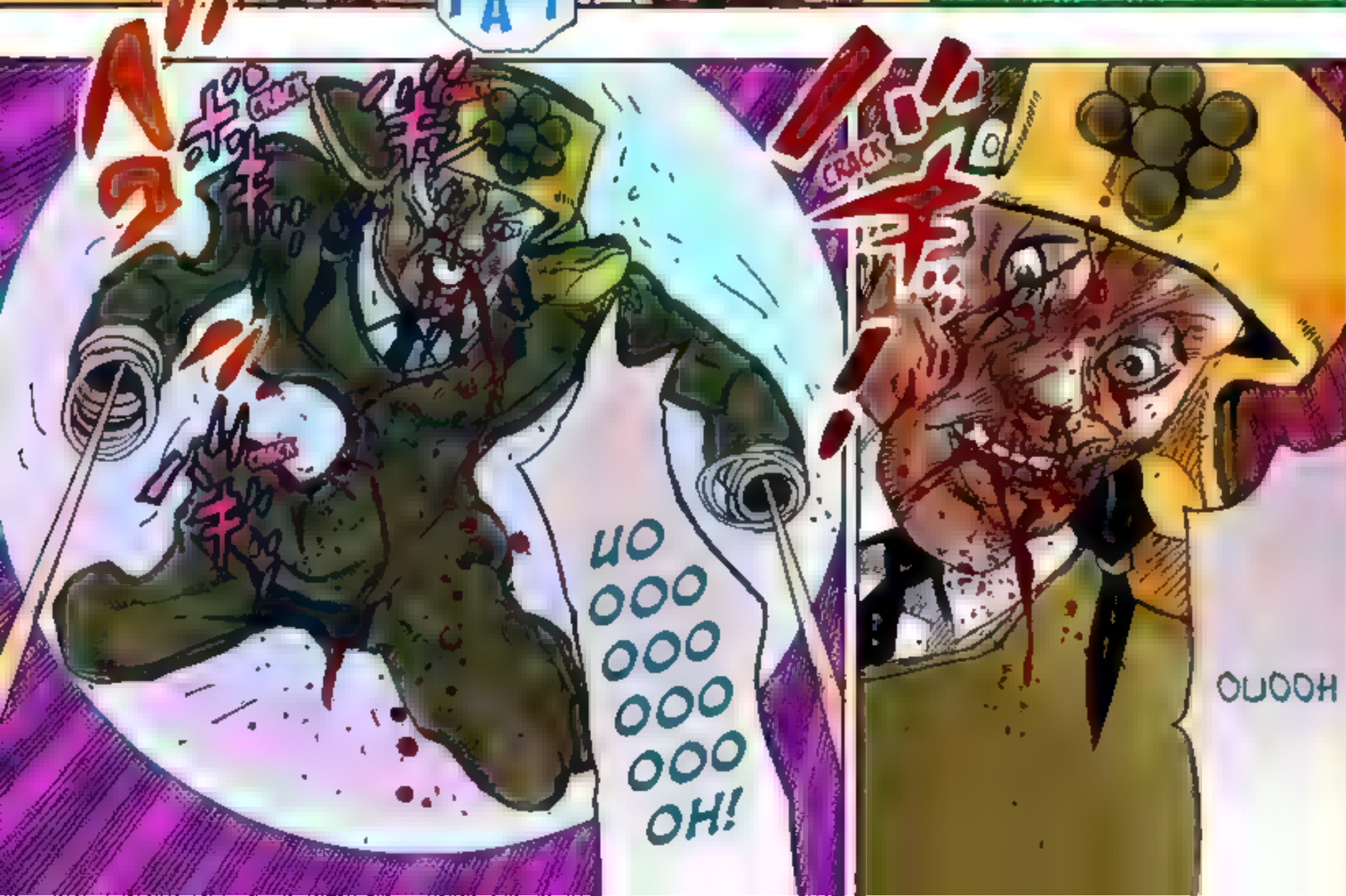
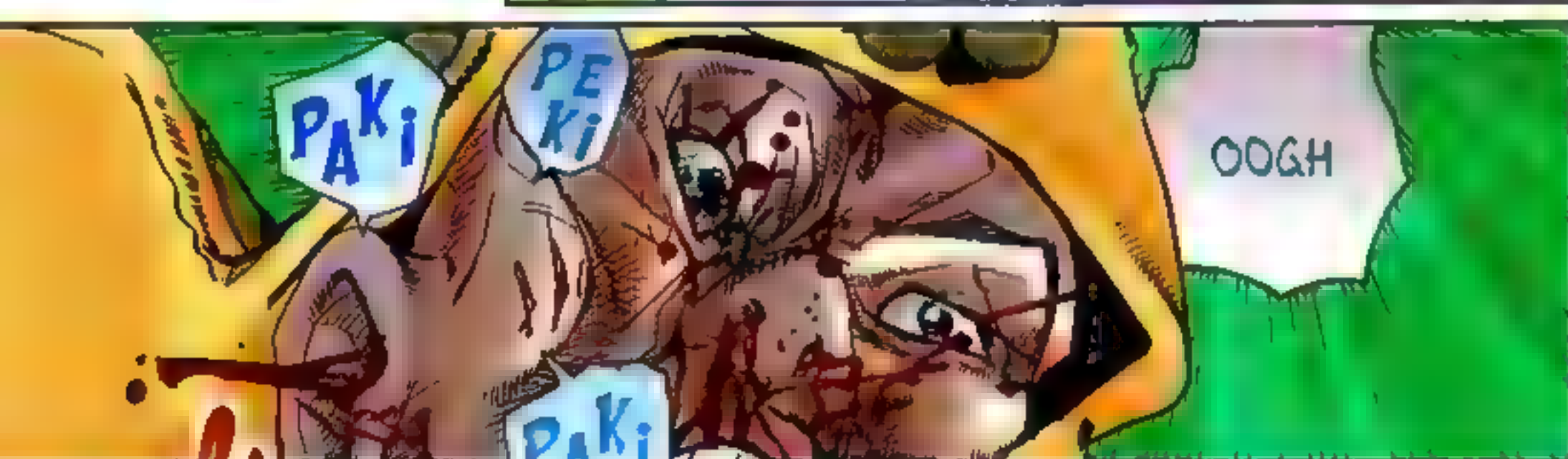




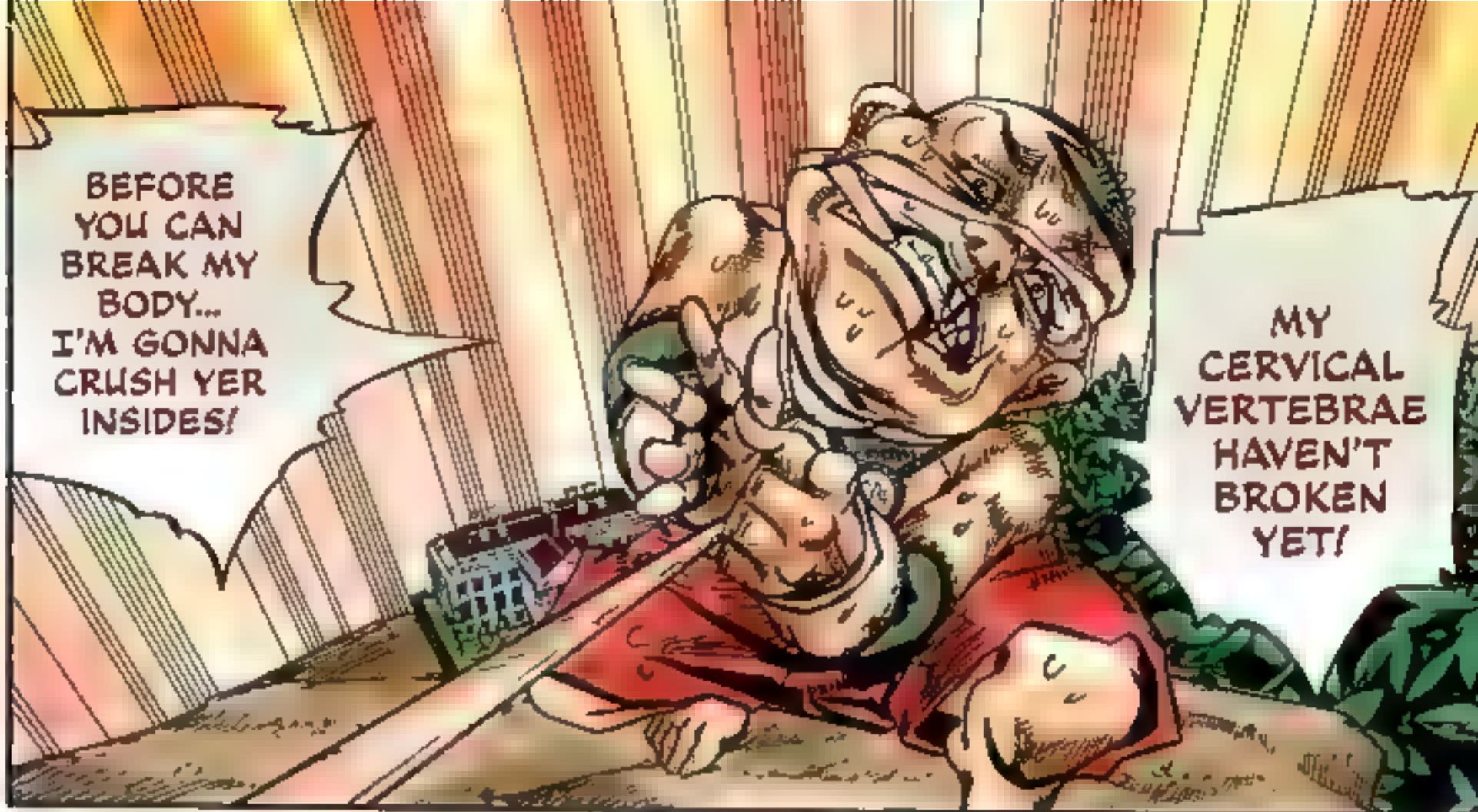




SUDDENLY  
SHOOT  
THROUGH  
THE  
ROOF!!







BEFORE  
YOU CAN  
BREAK MY  
BODY...  
I'M GONNA  
CRUSH YER  
INSIDES!

MY  
CERVICAL  
VERTEBRAE  
HAVEN'T  
BROKEN  
YET!



FIRE!!

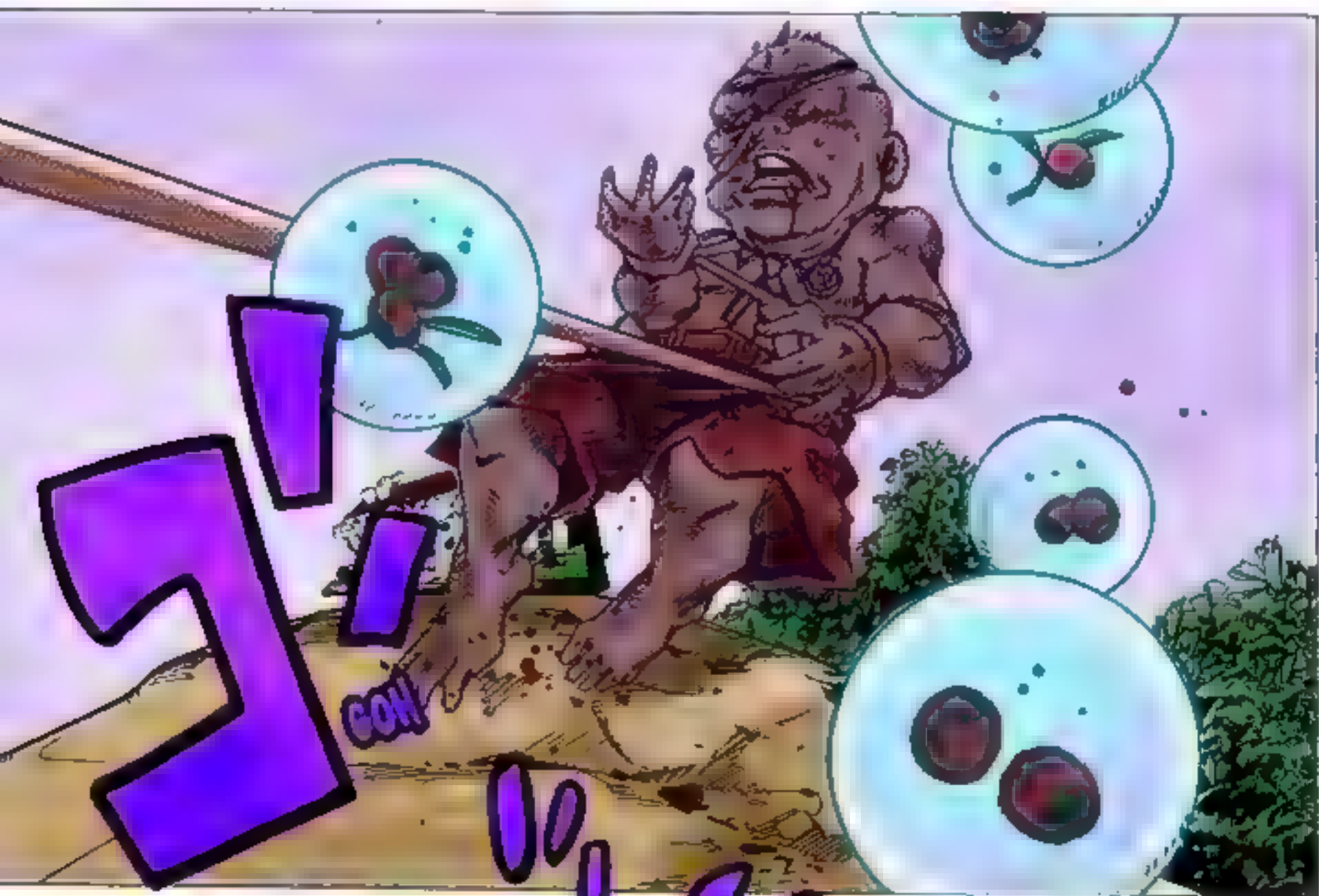
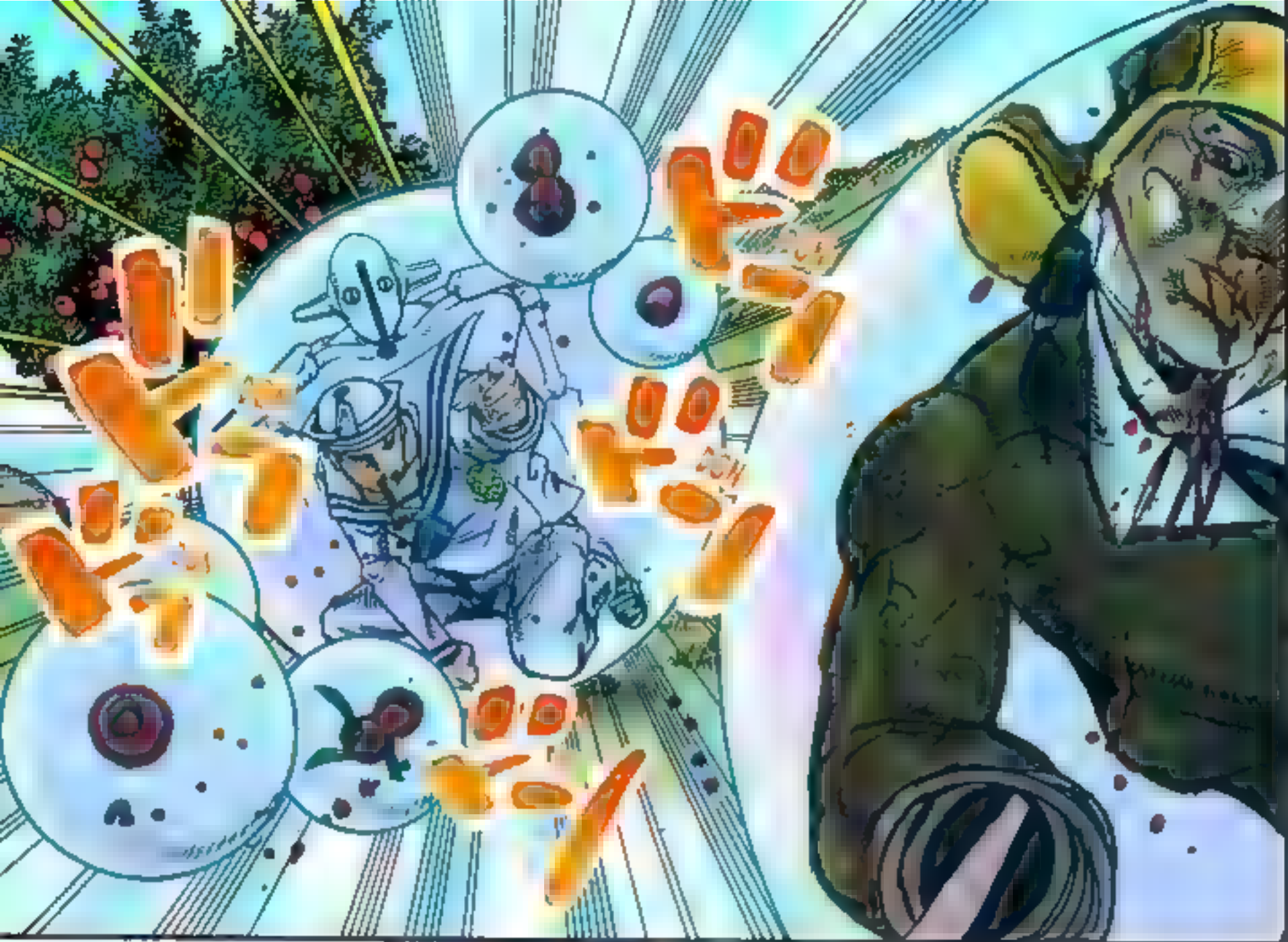
Wet".

&

"Soft...

BUWAH









THEIR  
LEAVES AND  
BRANCHES  
ARE USED  
IN SHINTO  
RITUALS  
BUT..

THERE ARE  
'YEW' TREES  
GROWING  
IN THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
ORCHARD.

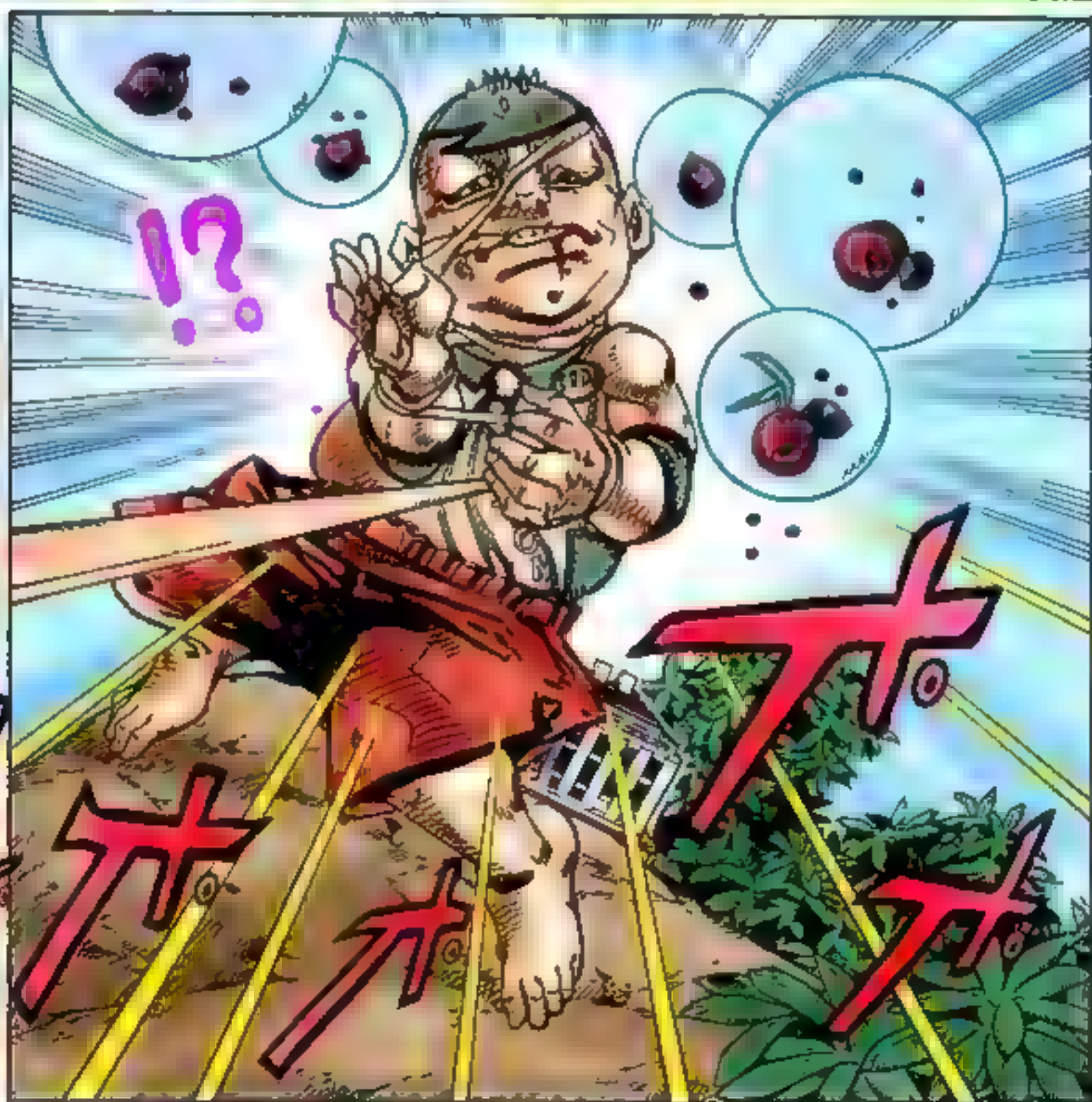
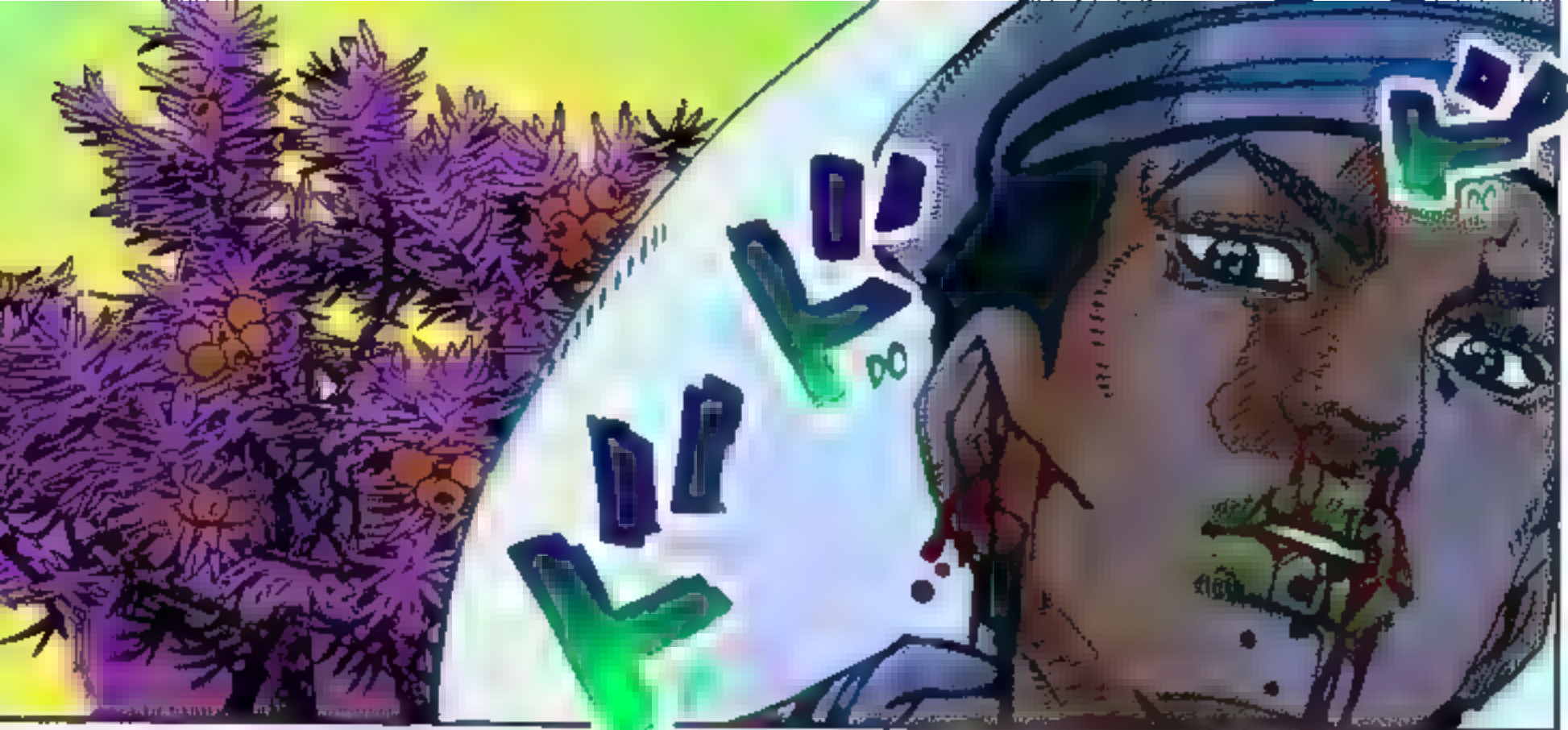
I'LL SAY  
THAT YOU'RE  
LUCKY YOU  
DIDN'T 'GRAFT'  
THE ROKAKAKA  
'BRANCH'  
TO A YEW  
BRANCH

IT'S A GOOD  
THING THE  
ROKAKAKA  
BRANCH 'SN'T  
GRAFTED  
TO ONE OF  
THESE

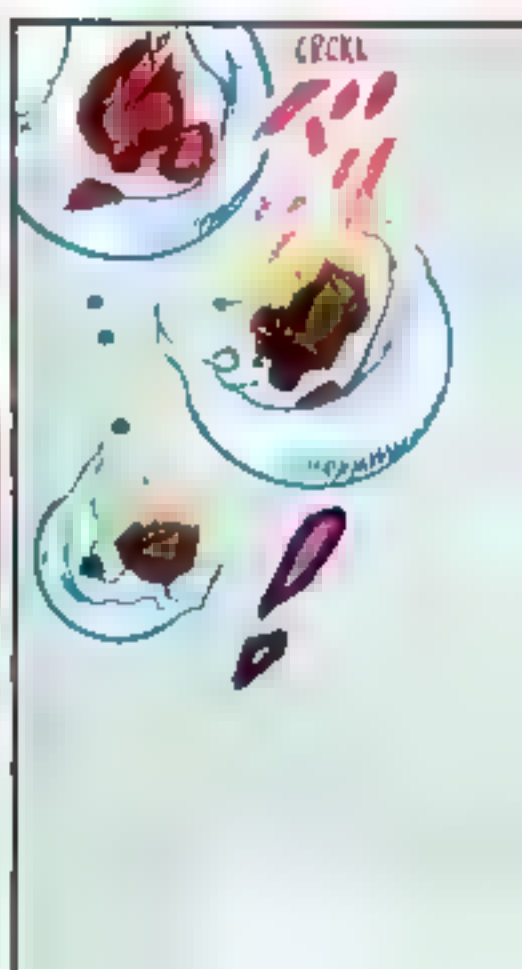
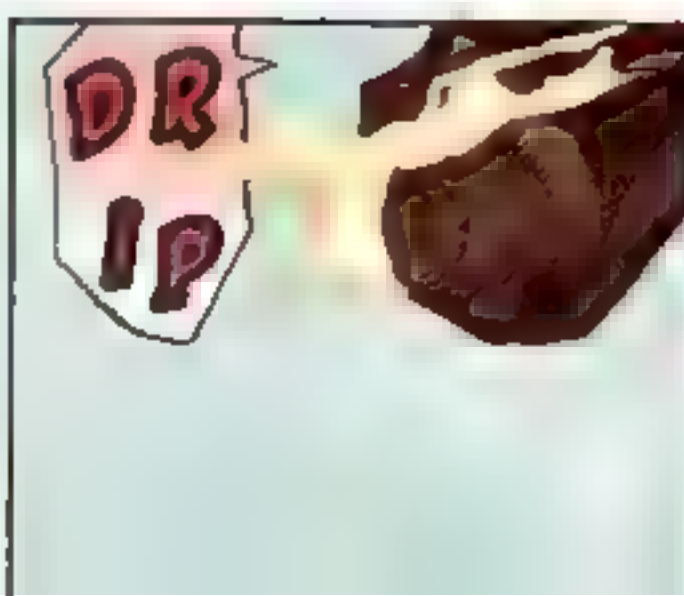
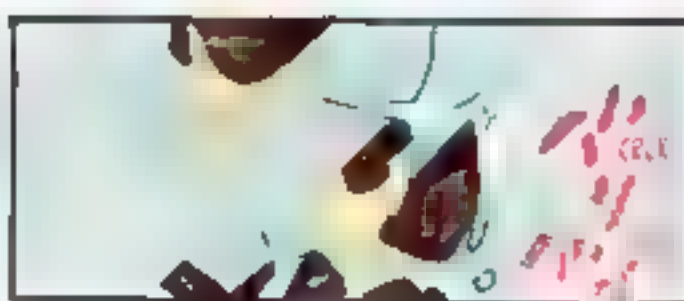
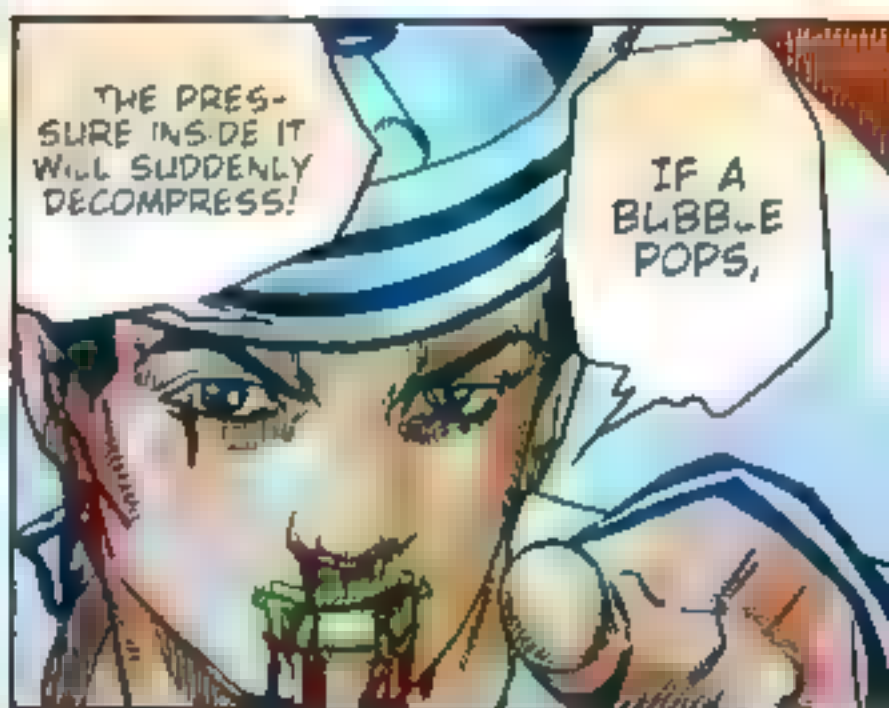
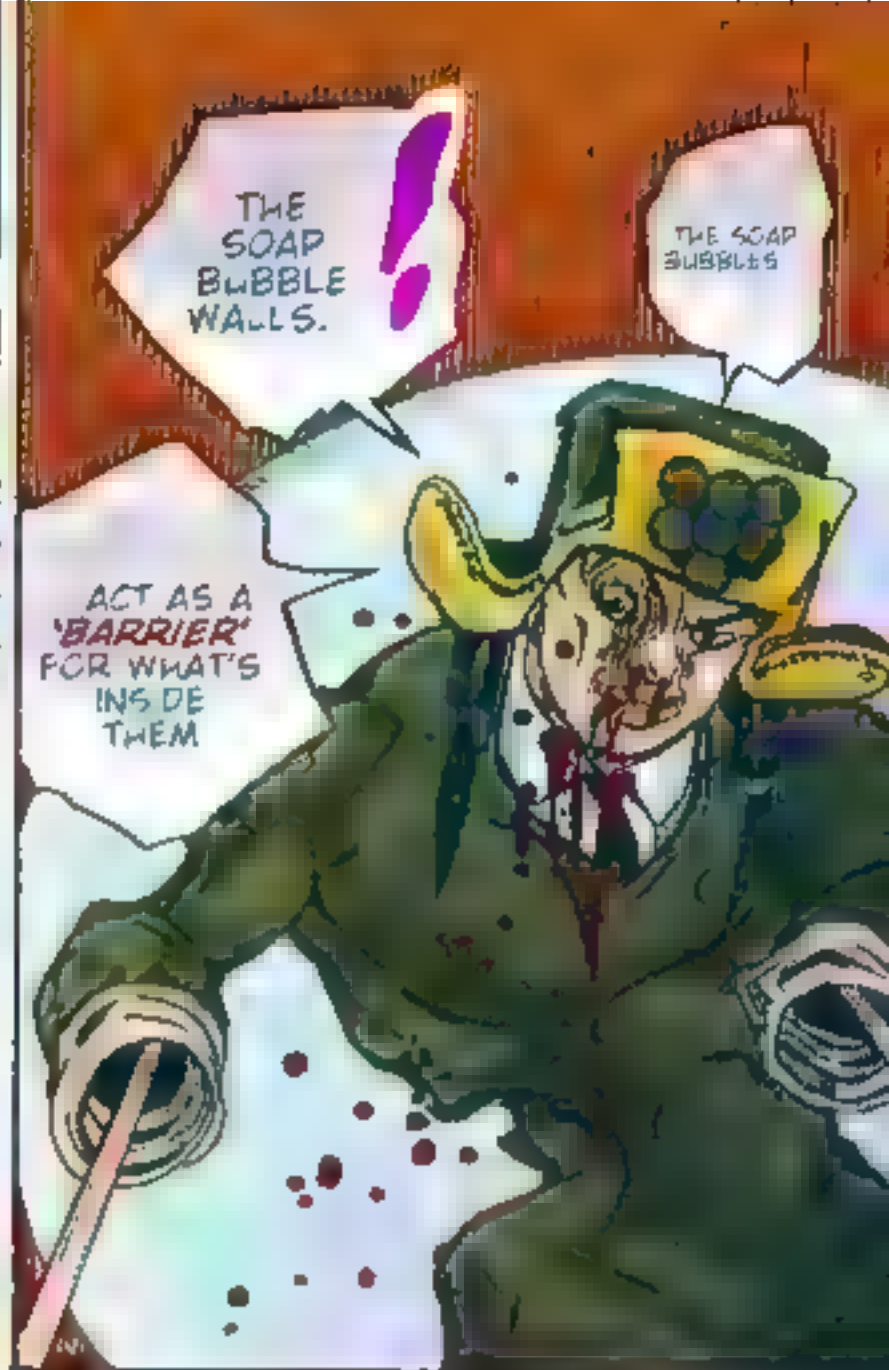
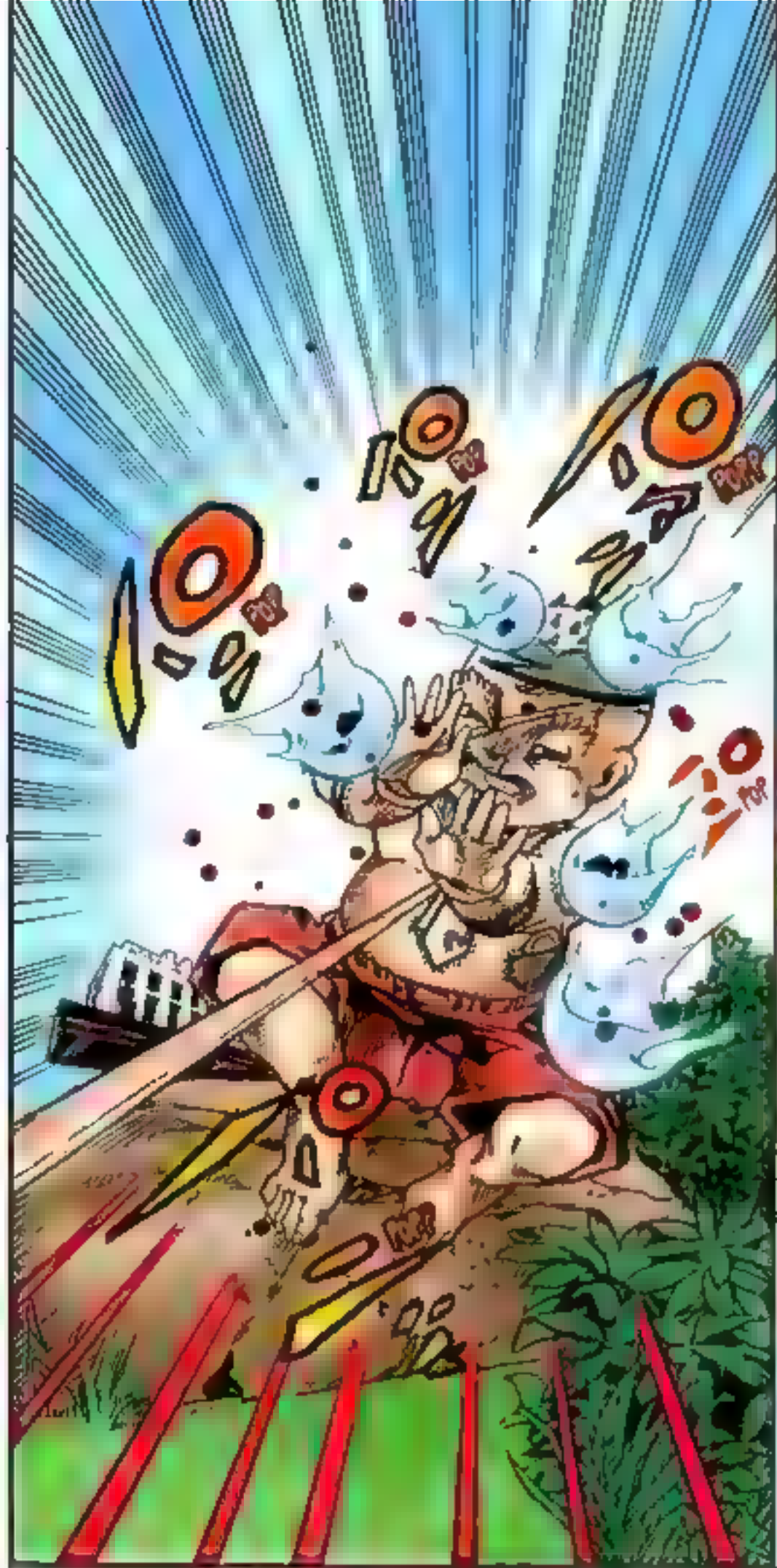
ESPECIALLY  
IF YOU  
PUT THE  
'SEEDS'  
IN YOUR  
MOUTH.

THESE THINGS  
ARE DEADLY  
POISON THEY'LL  
DO EXTREME  
DAMAGE TO  
YOUR INSIDES.

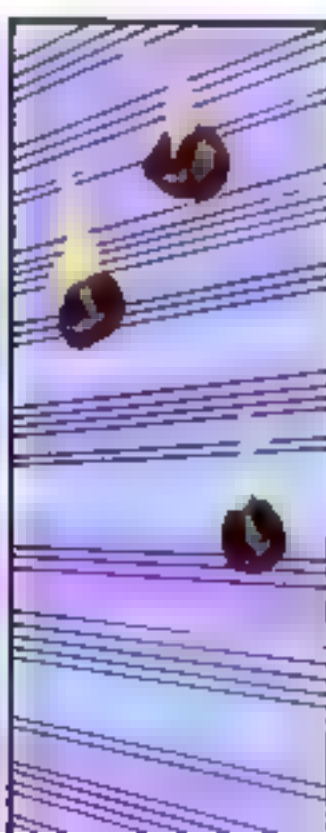
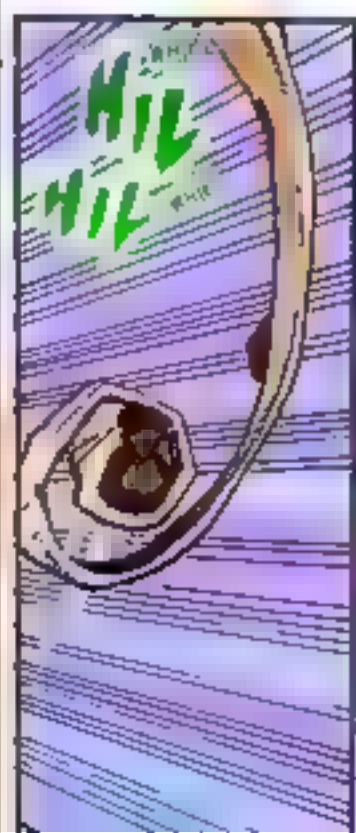
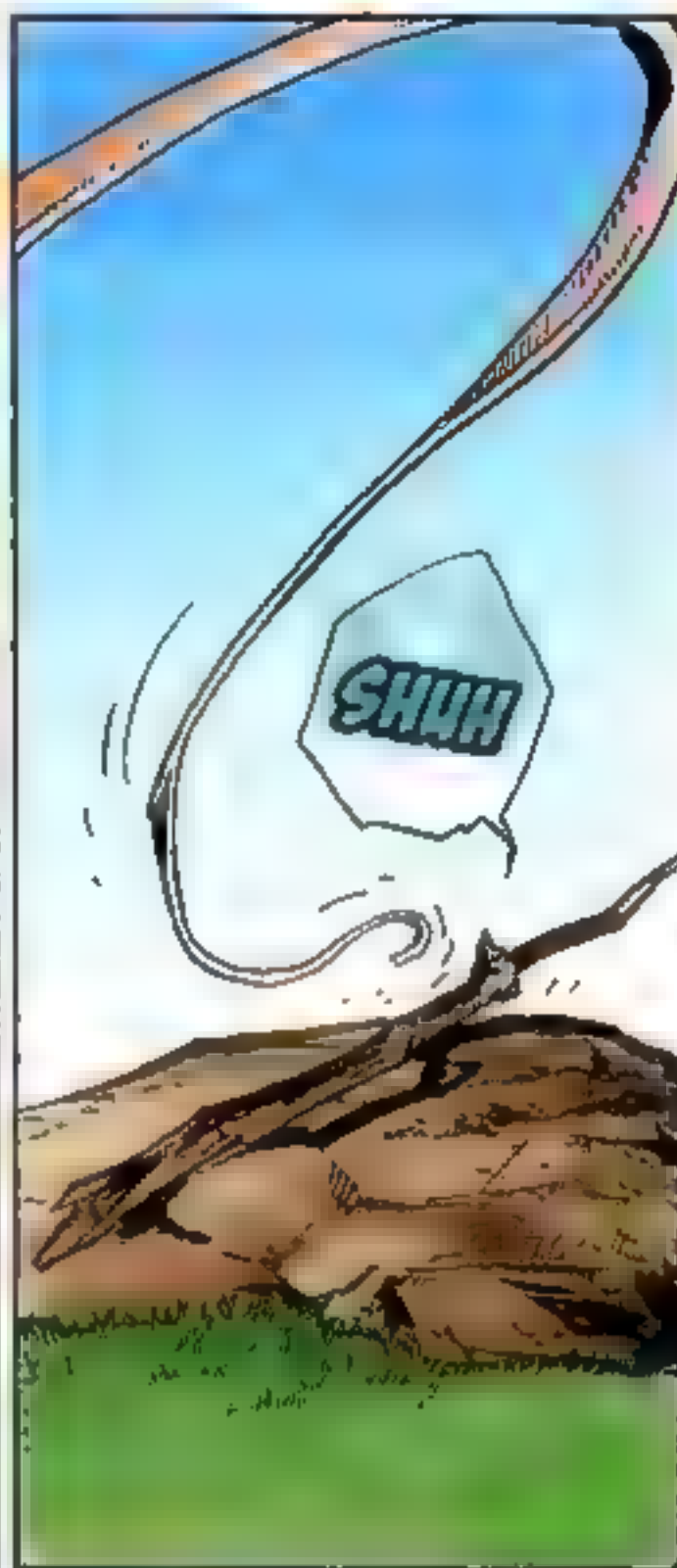
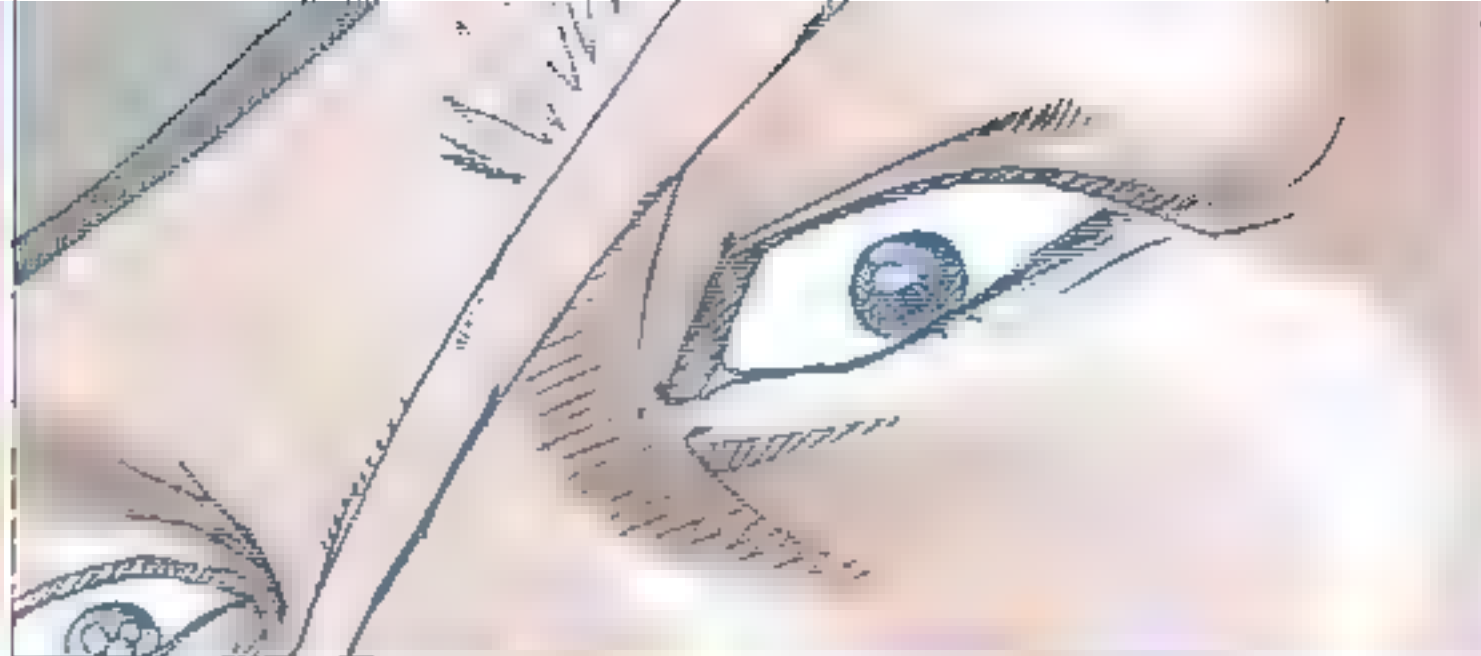




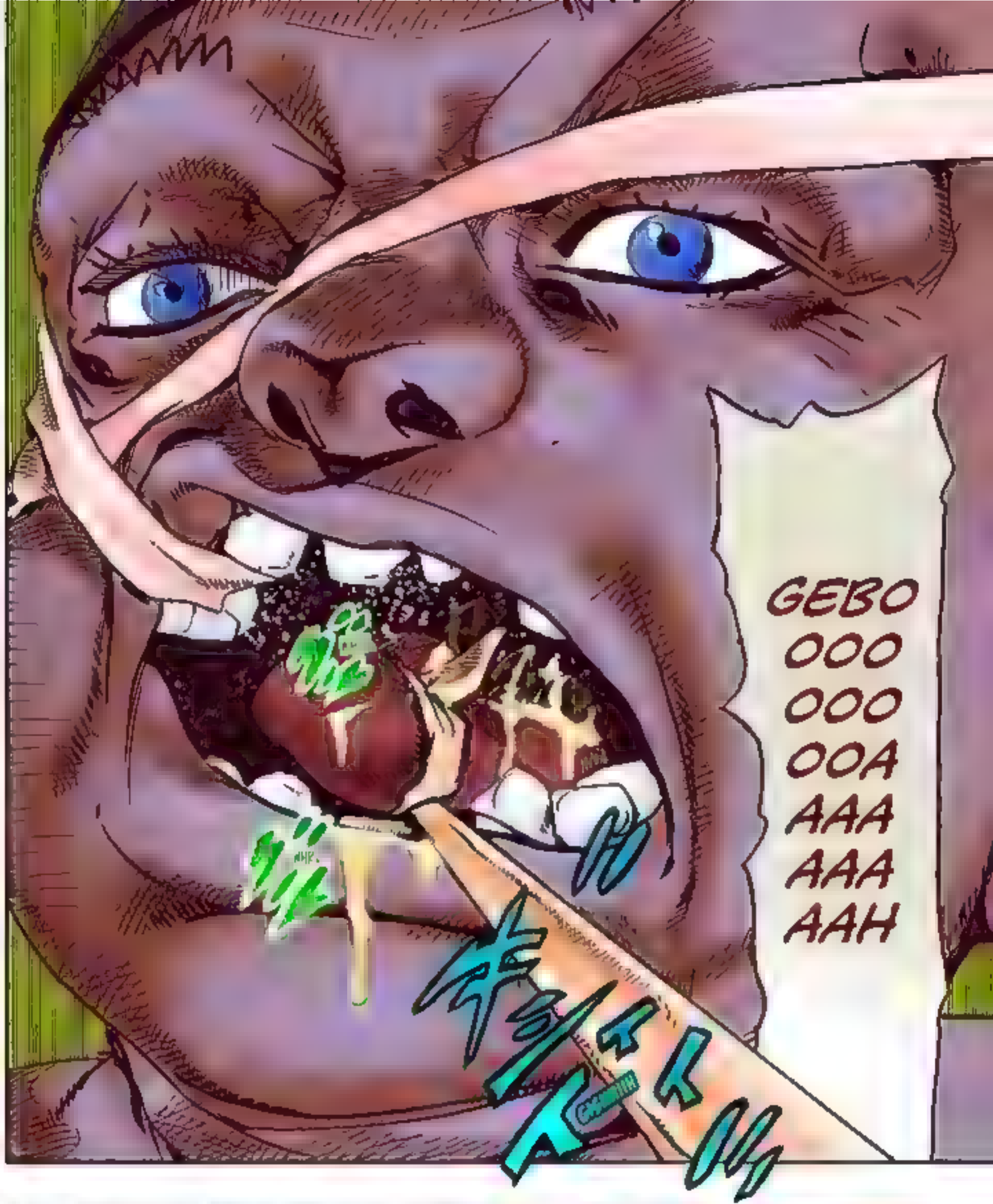












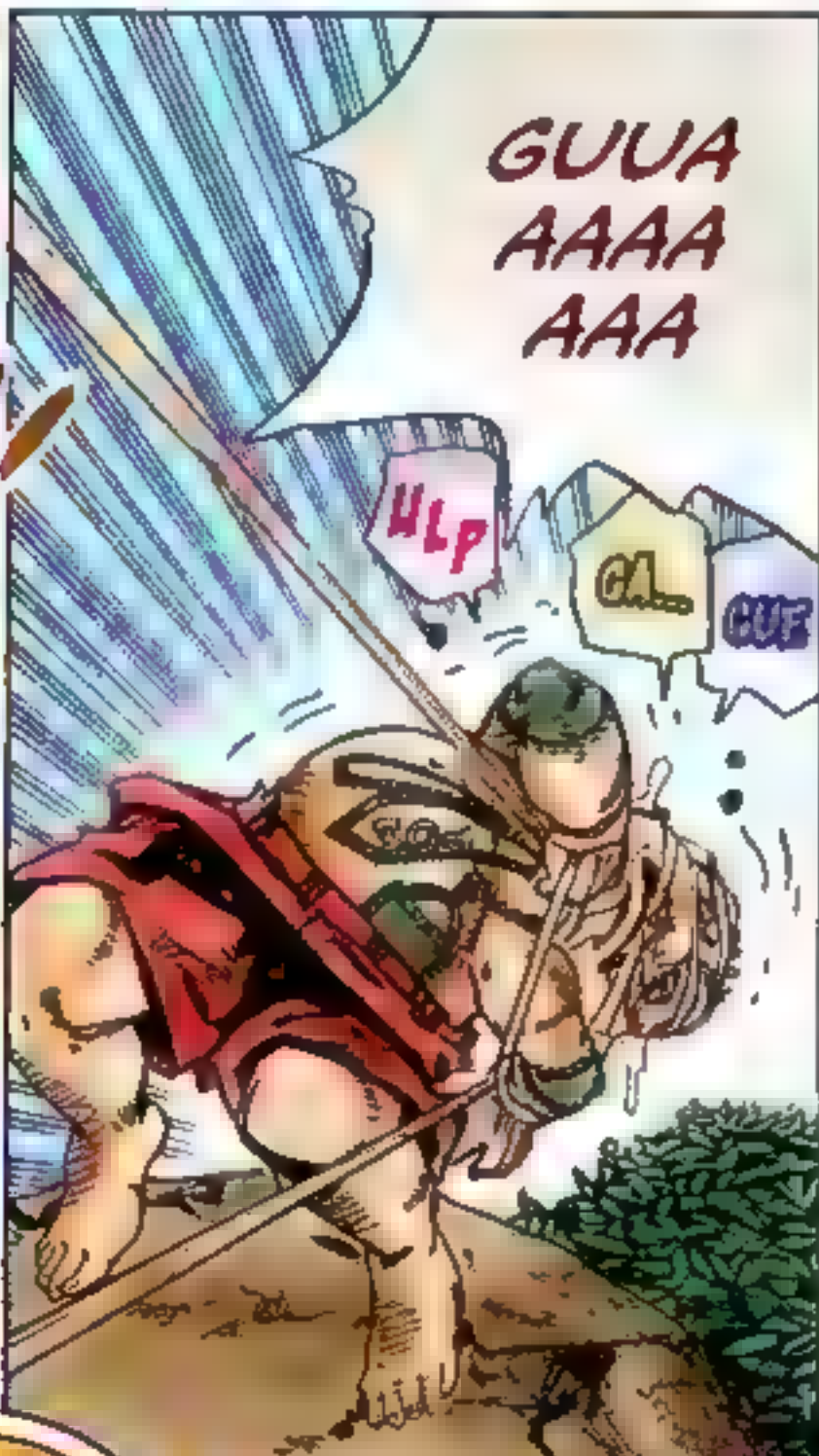
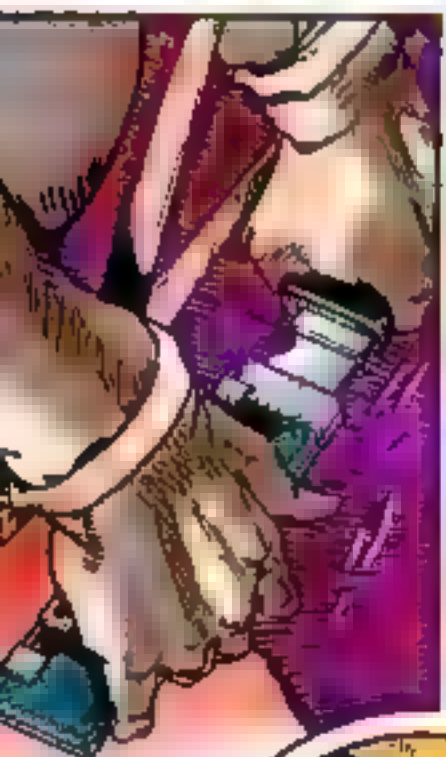
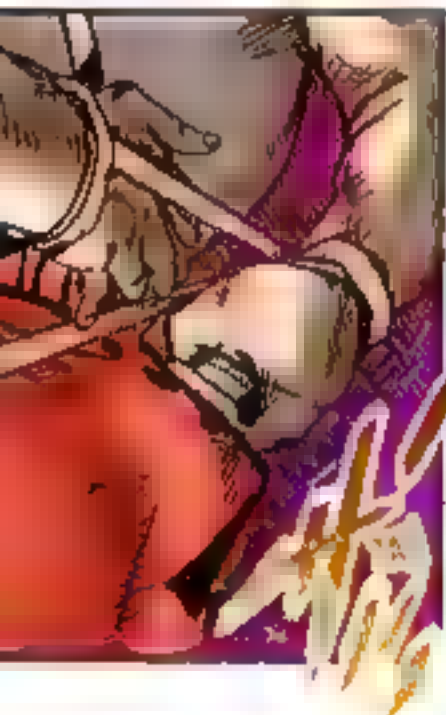


IT CAN  
EVEN KILL  
LARGE-SIZED  
LIVESTOCK

WHEN YEW  
POISON IS ABSORBED  
BY DIGESTIVE ORGANS,  
IT'S SENT STRAIGHT TO  
THE HEART AND CAUSES  
BLOOD PRESSURE TO  
GO OFF THE CHARTS,  
VIOLENT CONVULSIONS,  
AND TEARS INTERNAL  
ORGANS TO  
SHREDS!

YEW IS AS  
POISONOUS  
AS YOU CAN  
GET!

'ENGLISH YEW'  
SEEDS WERE USED  
BY AUTHOR AGATHA  
CHRISTIE IN HER  
BOOKS AS A TRICK  
TO KILL SOMEONE  
BY PUTTING ONE  
IN A SPOONFUL  
OF JAM!



GUA  
AAAA  
AAA

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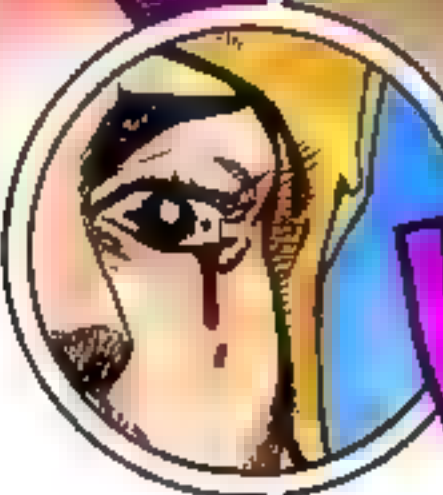
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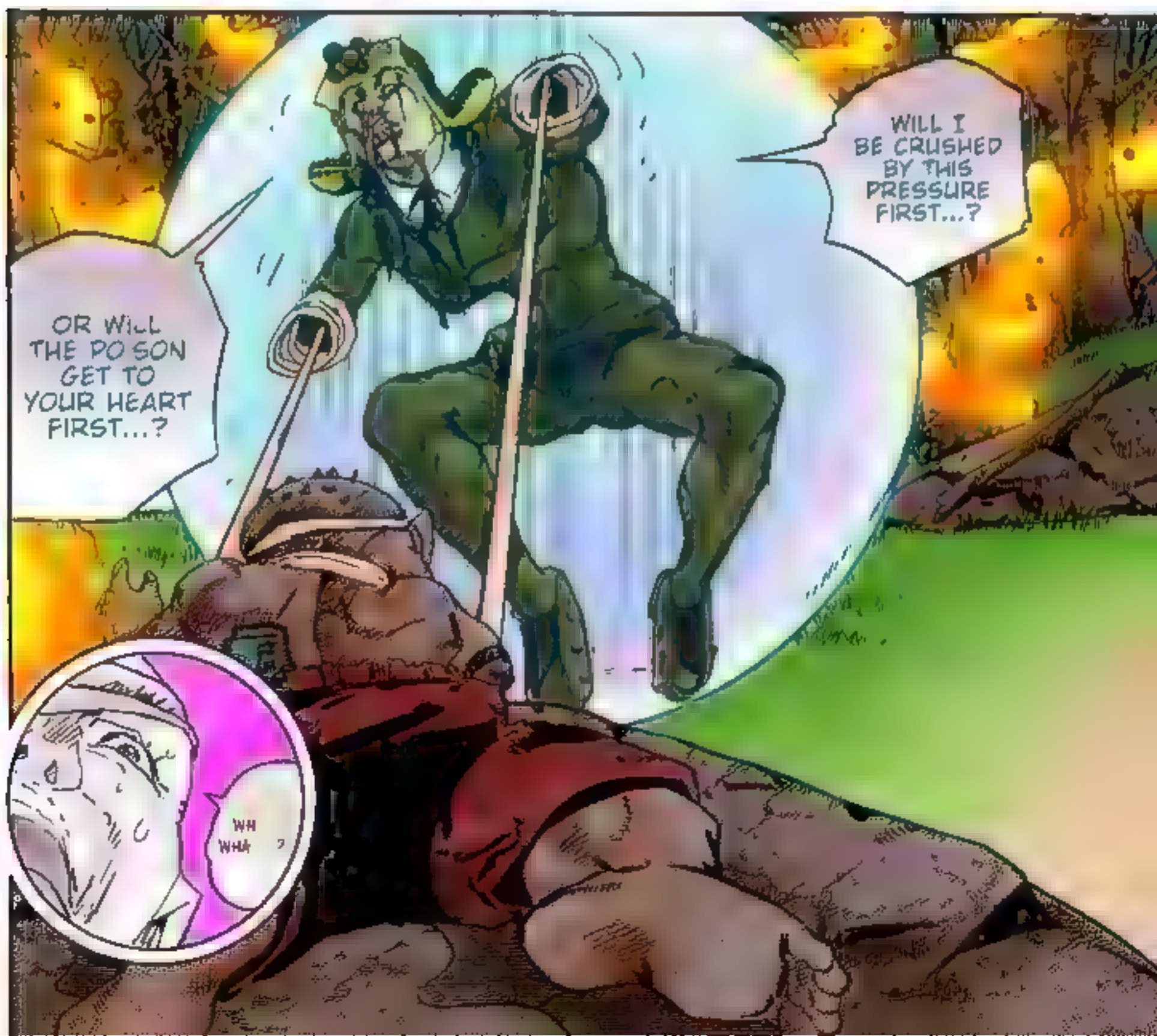
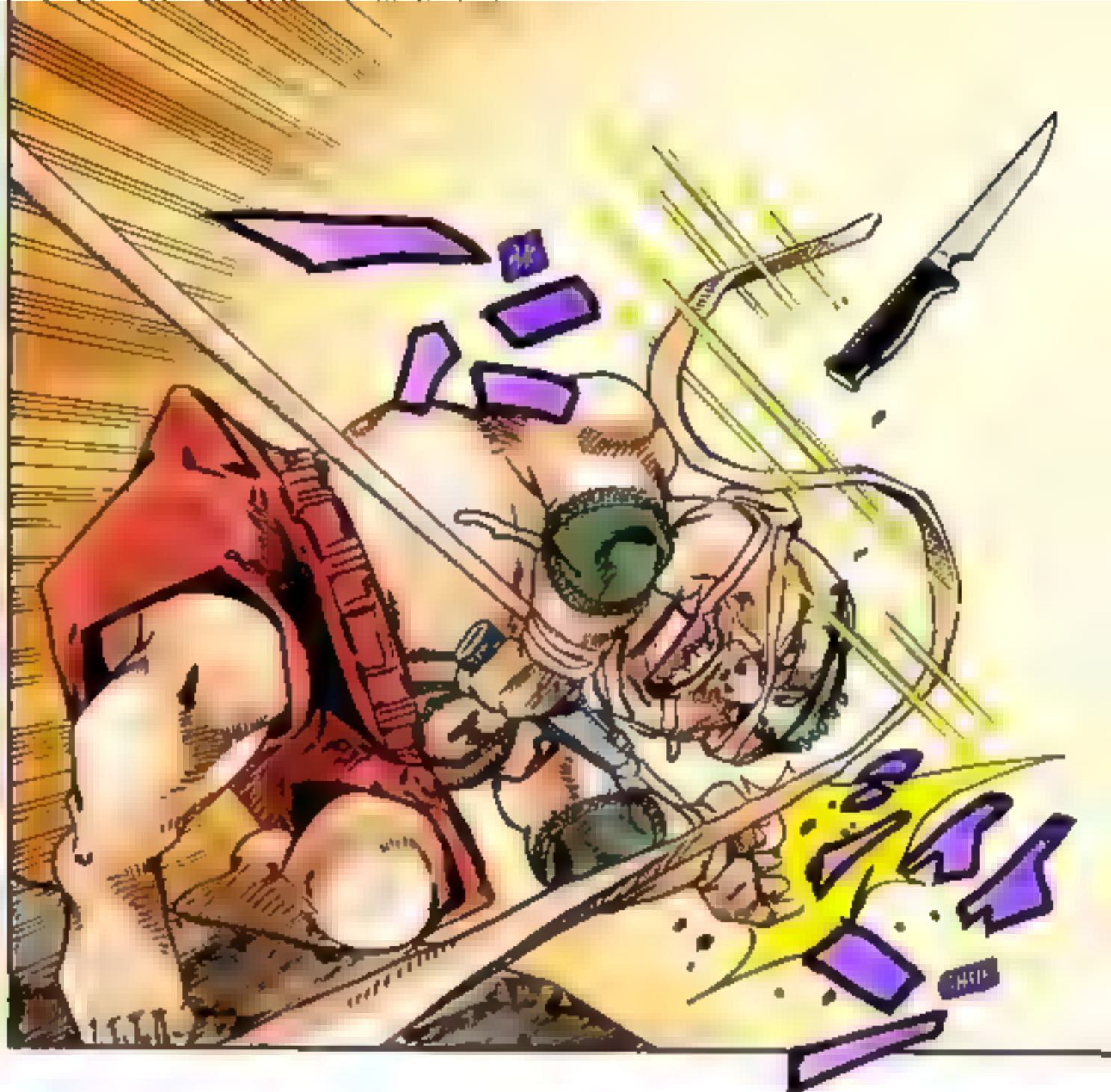
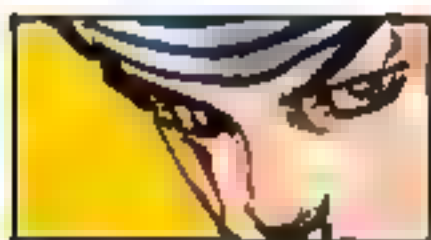
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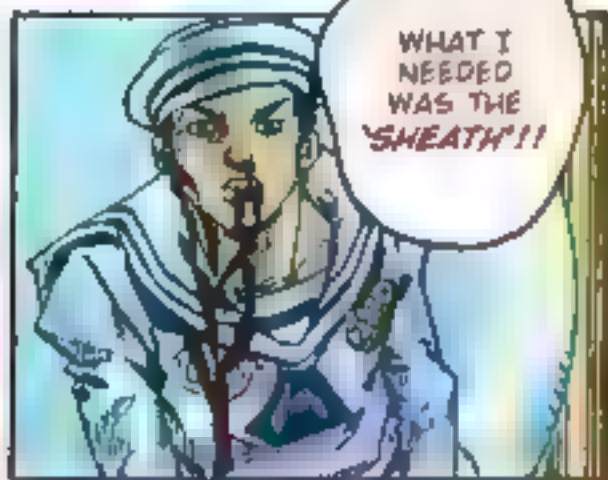
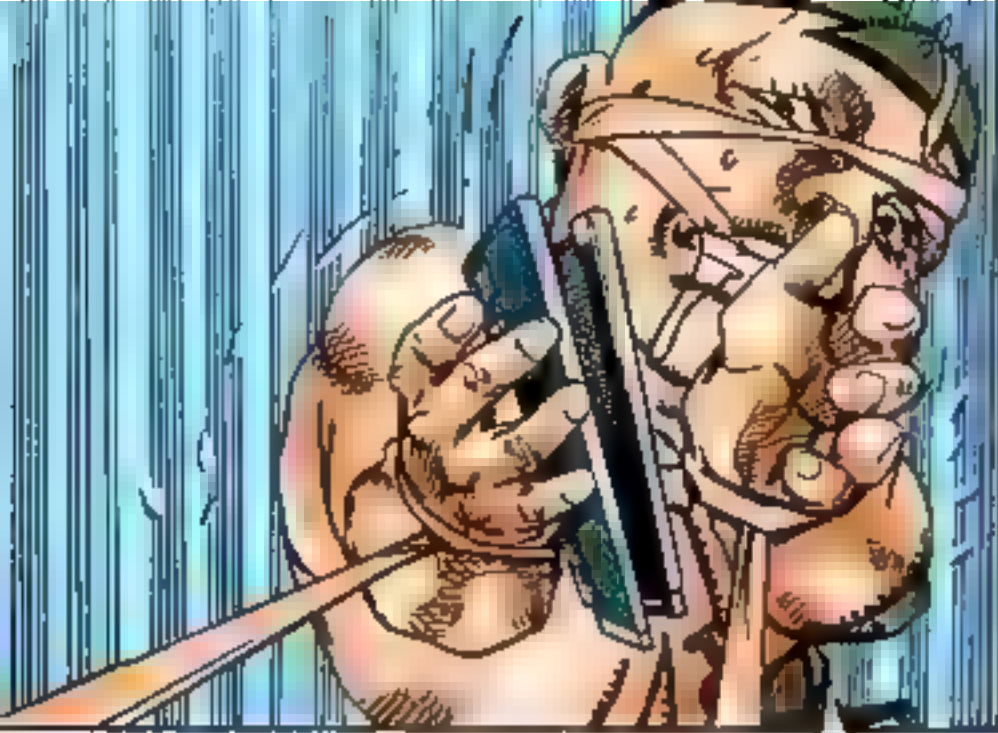
OR WILL  
THE PO SON  
GET TO  
YOUR HEART  
FIRST...?

WILL I  
BE CRUSHED  
BY THIS  
PRESSURE  
FIRST...?

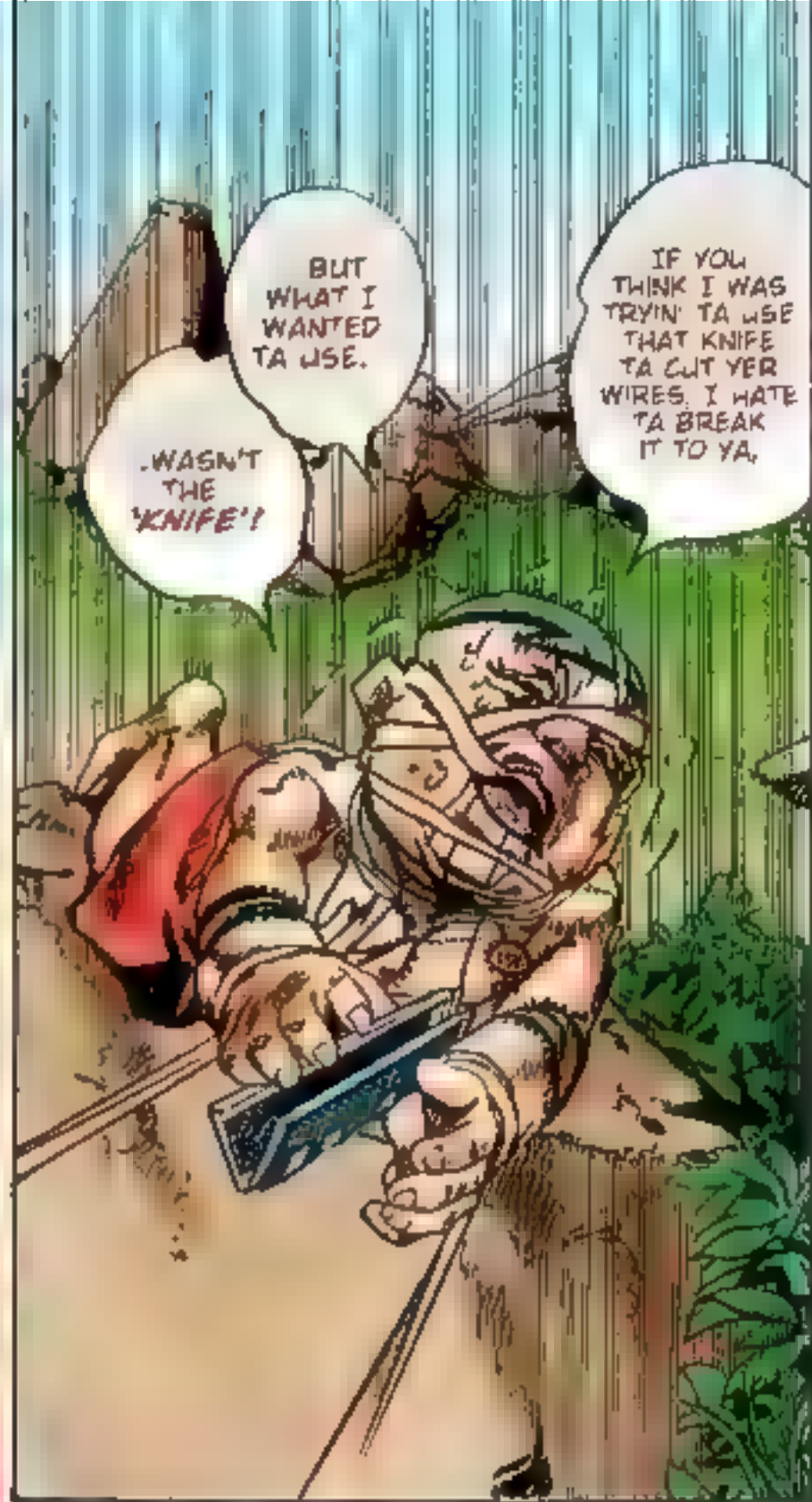


WH  
WHA





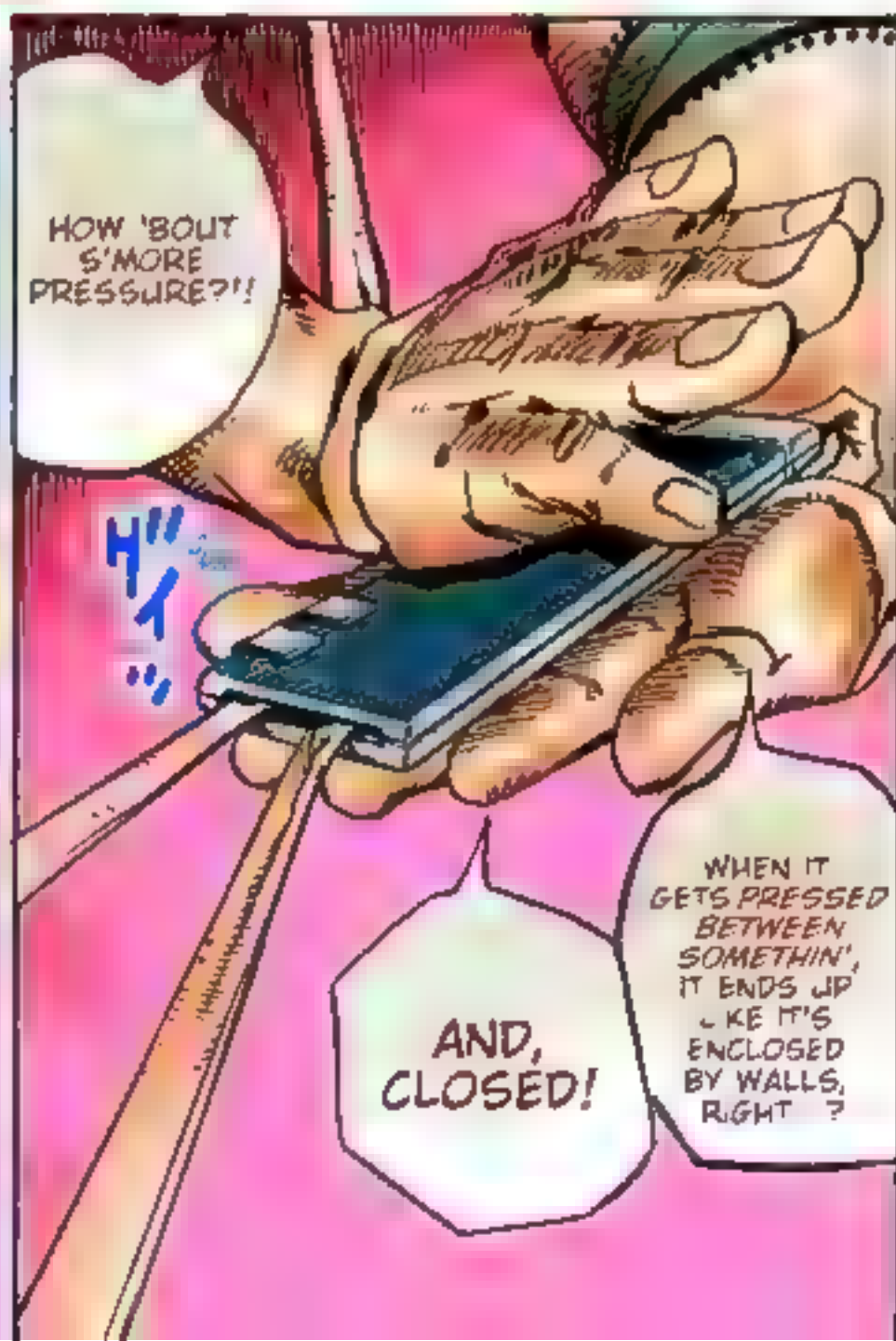
WHAT I  
NEEDED  
WAS THE  
'SHEATH'!!



BUT  
WHAT I  
WANTED  
TA USE.

WASN'T  
THE  
'KNIFE'!

IF YOU  
THINK I WAS  
TRYIN' TA USE  
THAT KNIFE  
TA CUT YER  
WIRES, I HATE  
TA BREAK  
IT TO YA,



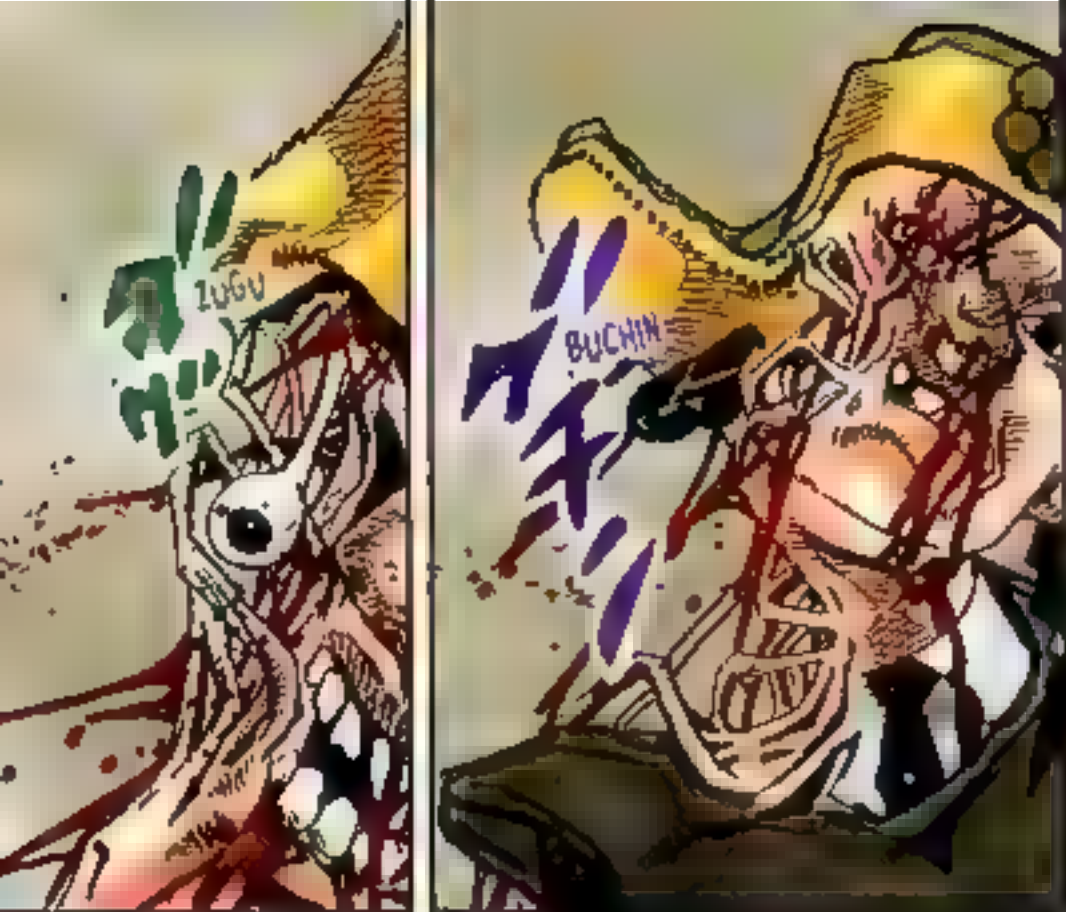
HOW 'BOUT  
S'MORE  
PRESSURE?!!

H!!  
Y!!  
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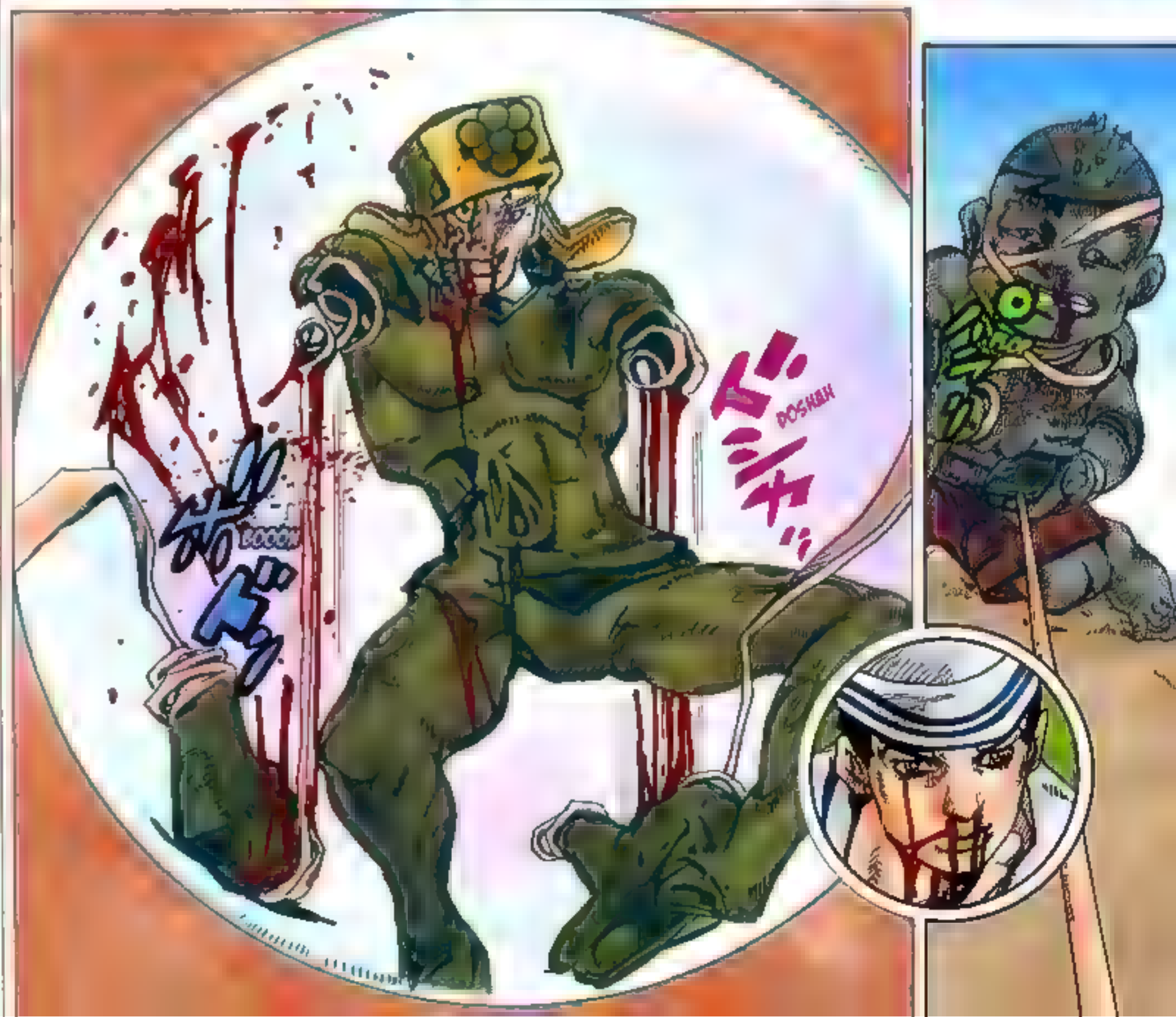
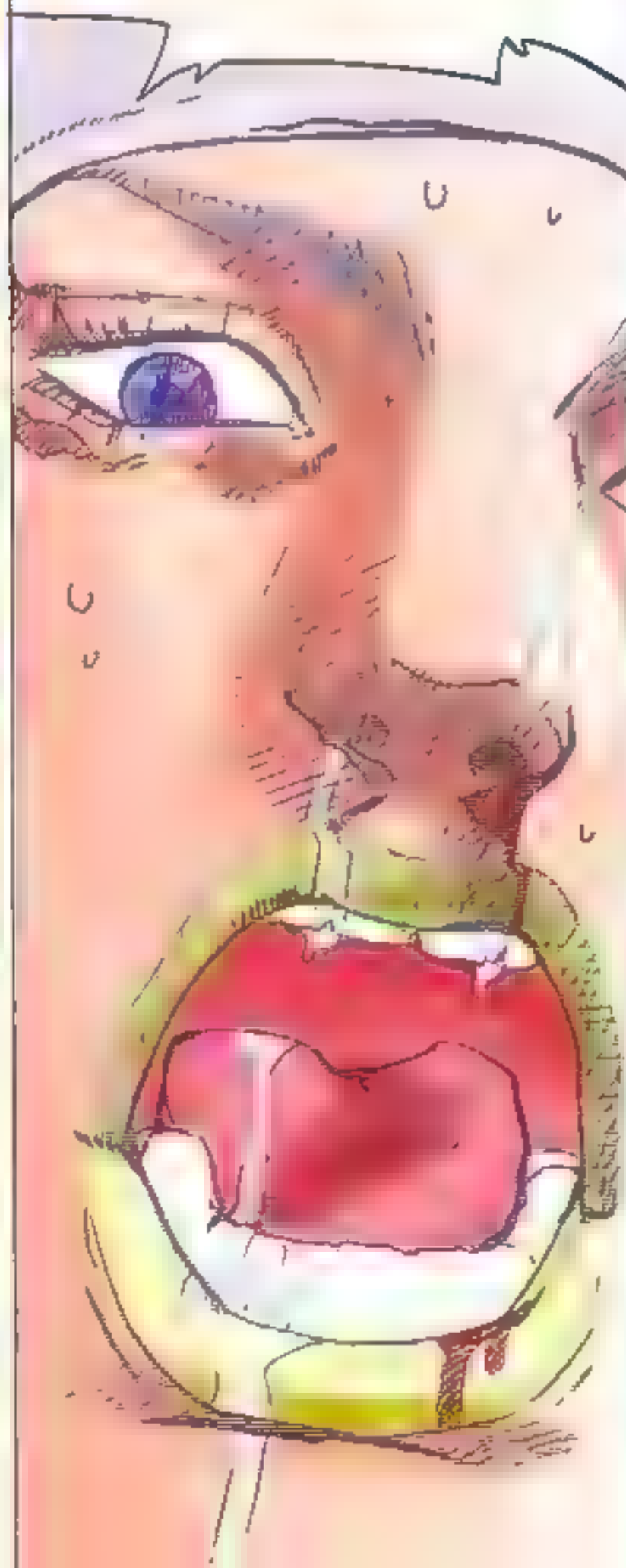
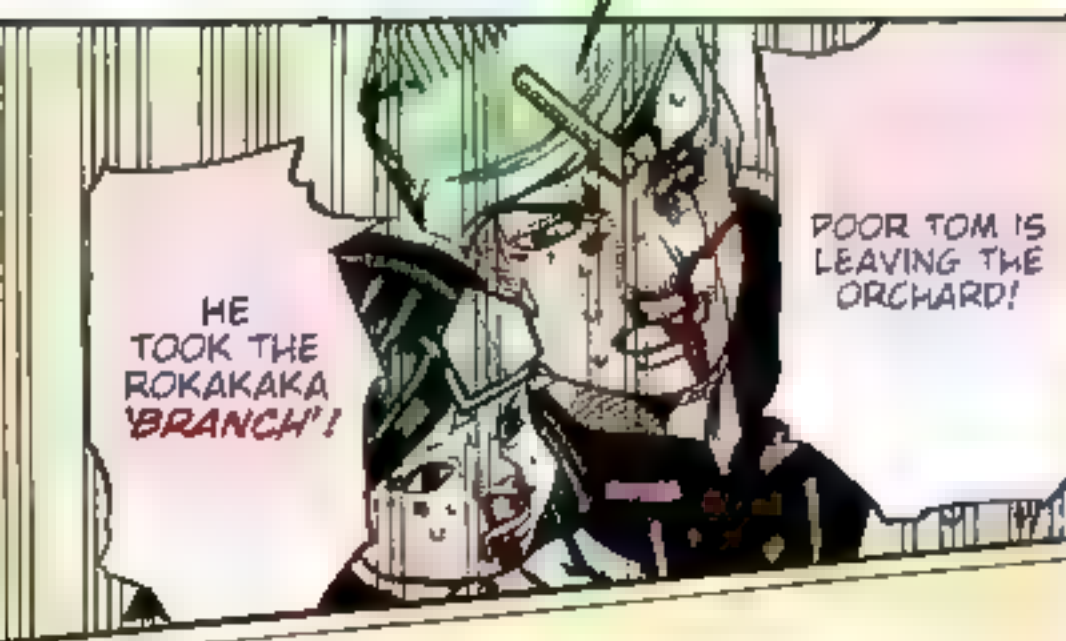
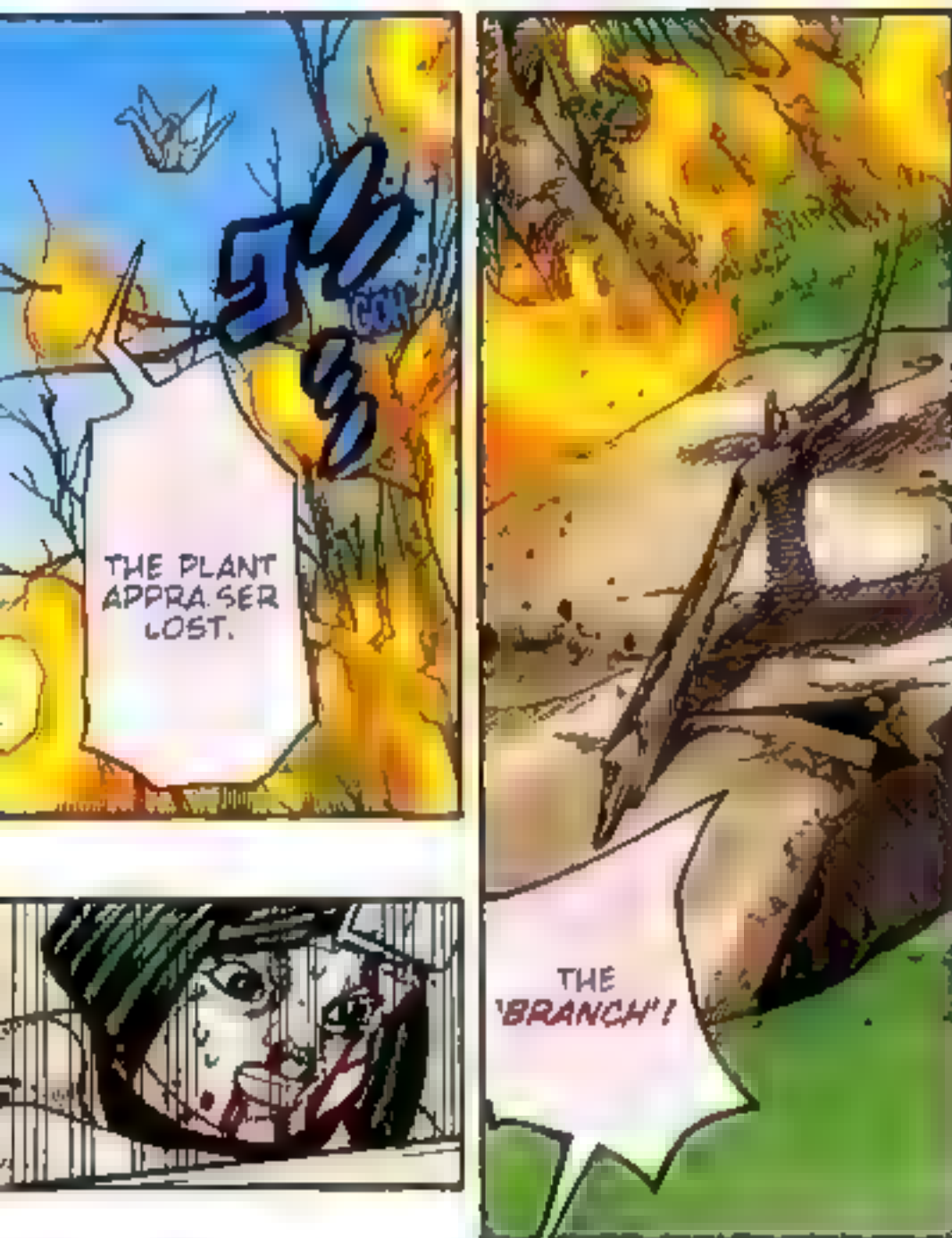
AND,  
CLOSED!

WHEN IT  
GETS PRESSED  
BETWEEN  
SOMETHIN',  
IT ENDS UP  
LIKE IT'S  
ENCLOSED  
BY WALLS,  
RIGHT ?

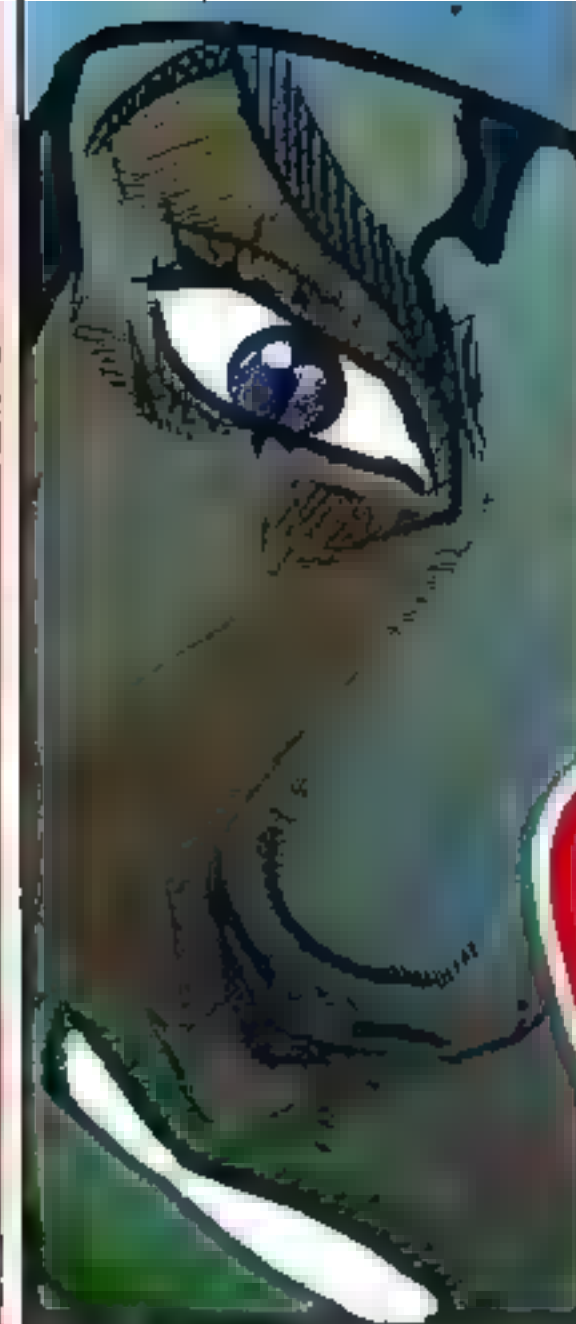
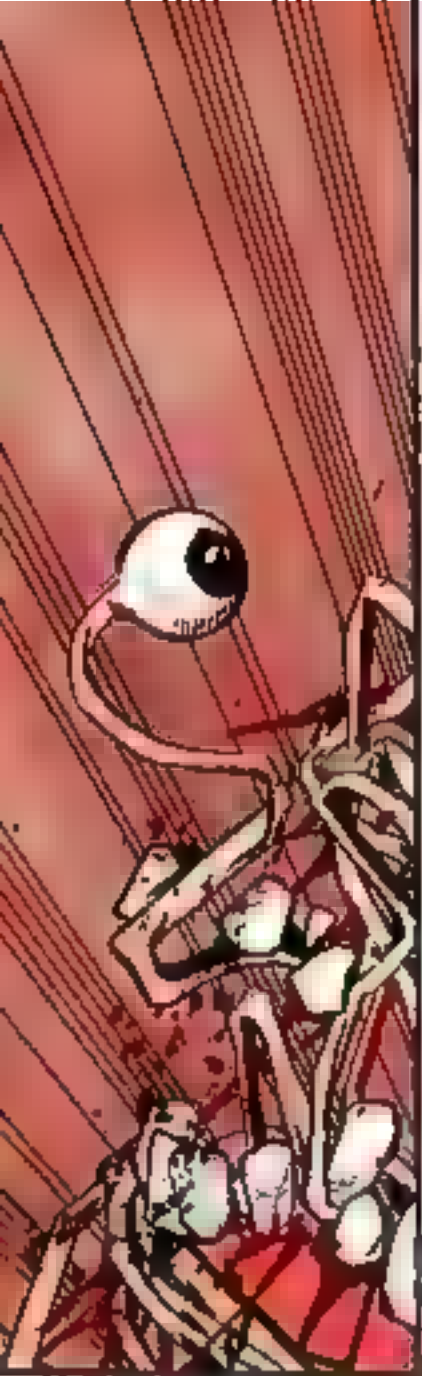




MAME-  
ZUKU-  
SAN!











I... I WOMAN!!!

FUCK YOU, ASSHOLE!

GAHH  
GUEH

RARAH  
UBON



YOU MIGHT BE BETTER OFF HIGHTAILING IT OUTTA HERE, KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN'?

IT'LL HAPPEN TA YOU, TOO.

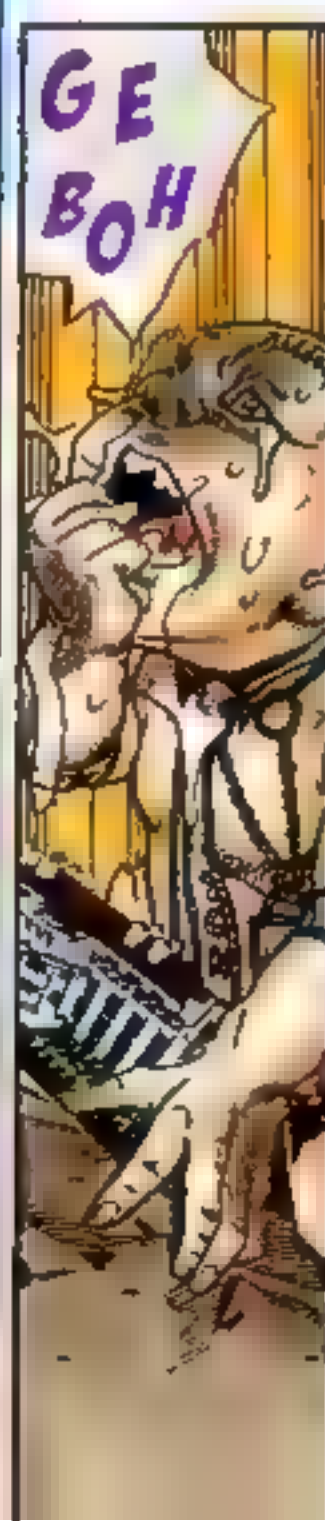
THE CLOSER YA GET TA MY 'OZONE BABY',

THE STRONGER THE 'PRESSURE' IS GONNA GET...

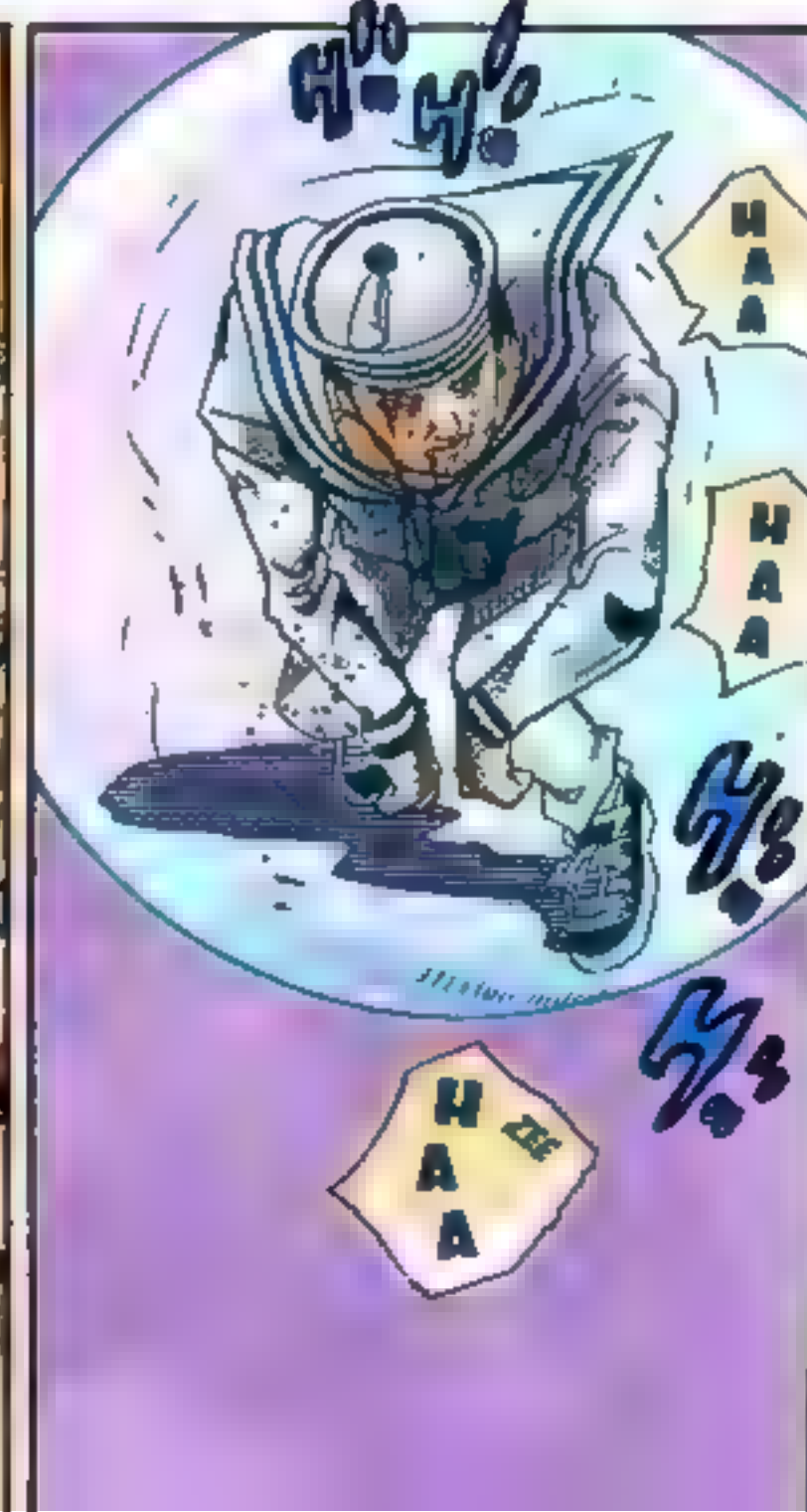
GE...  
GEEH...

HIGASHIKATA JOSUKE?

BUT'RE YOU GONNA FOLLOW ME,



GE  
BOH



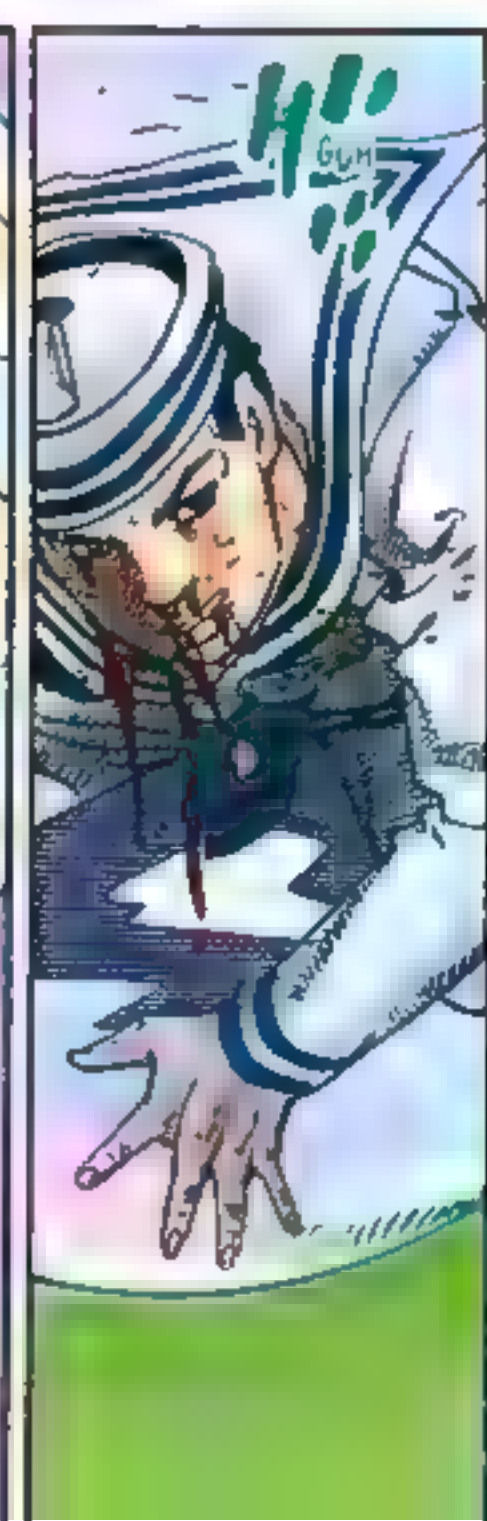
HOO  
H!

HAA

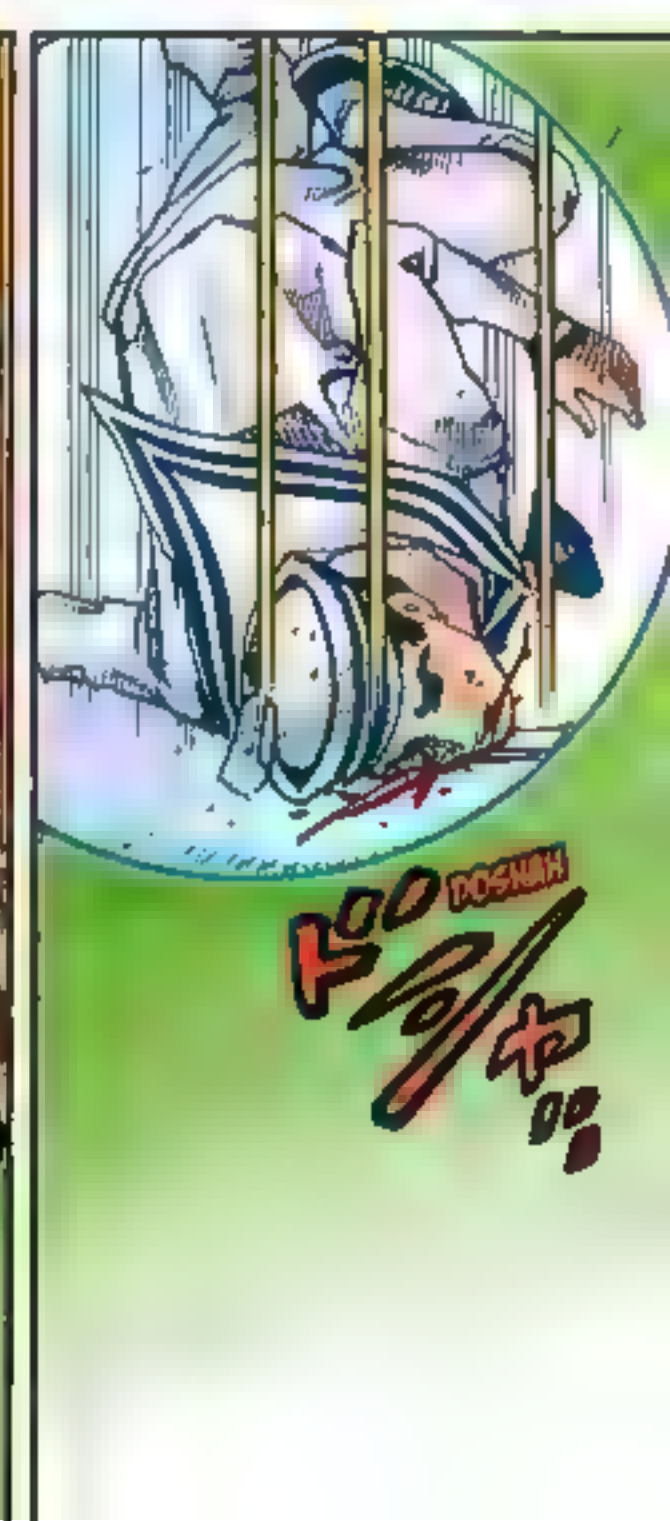
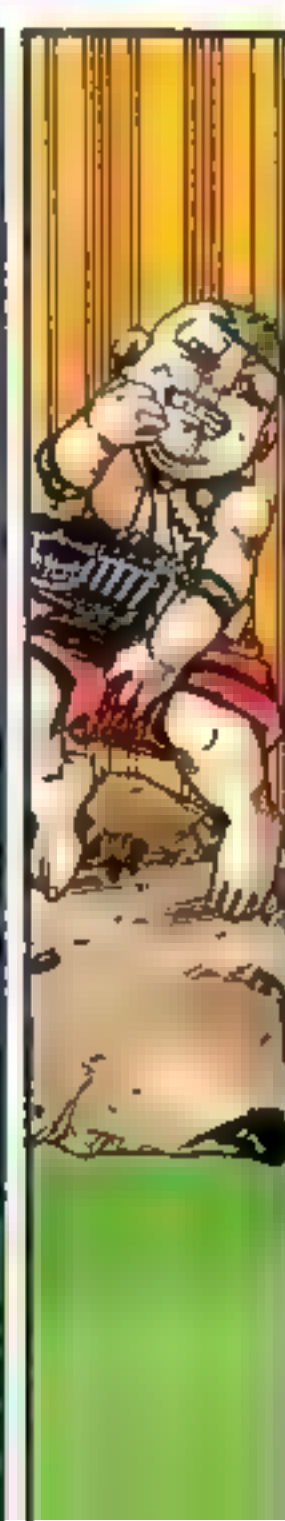
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G%  
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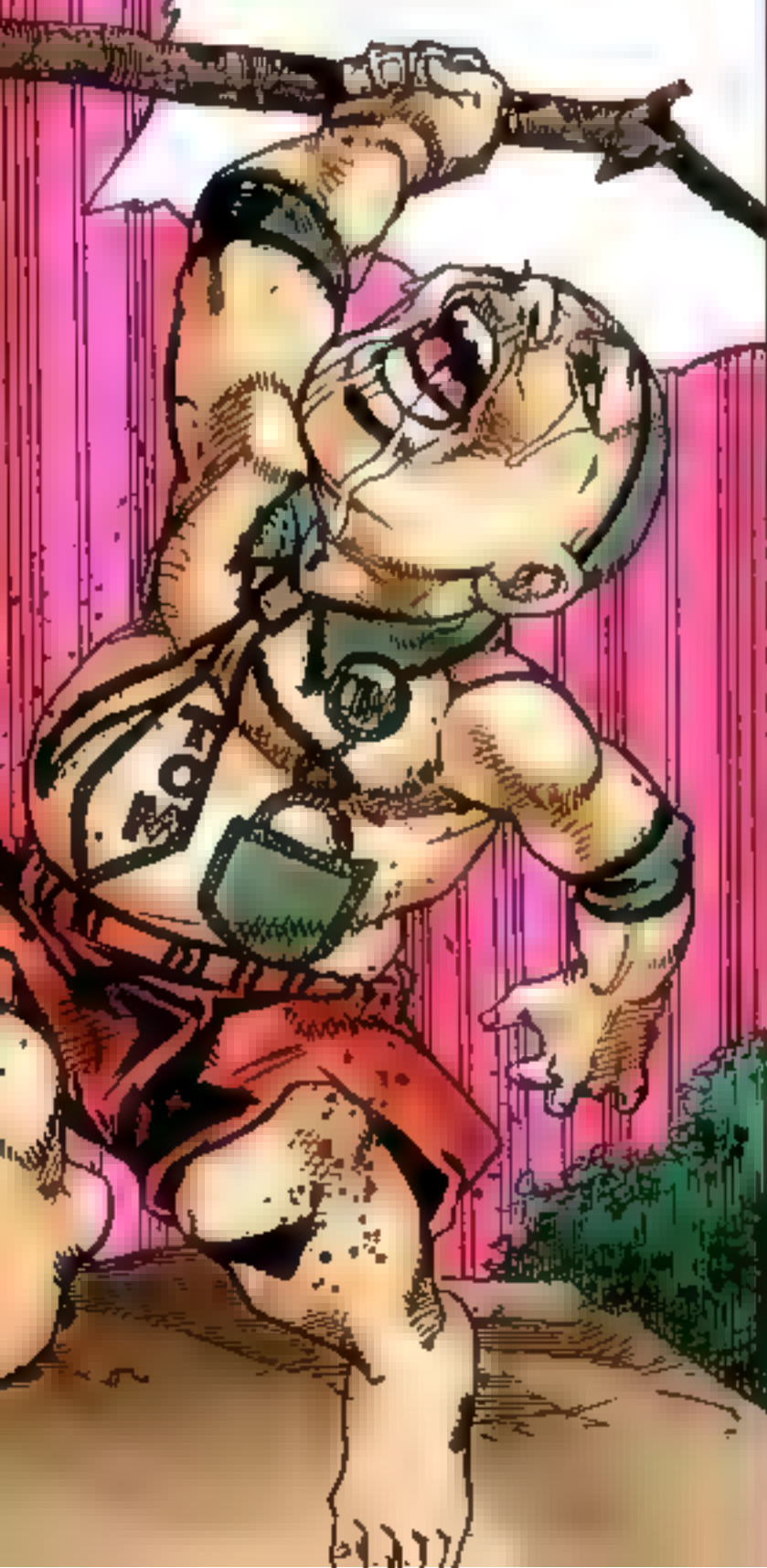
H!!  
GUM



DOOMAH  
F%  
G%



THE  
'BRANCH'  
IS MIIII-  
IINE!!



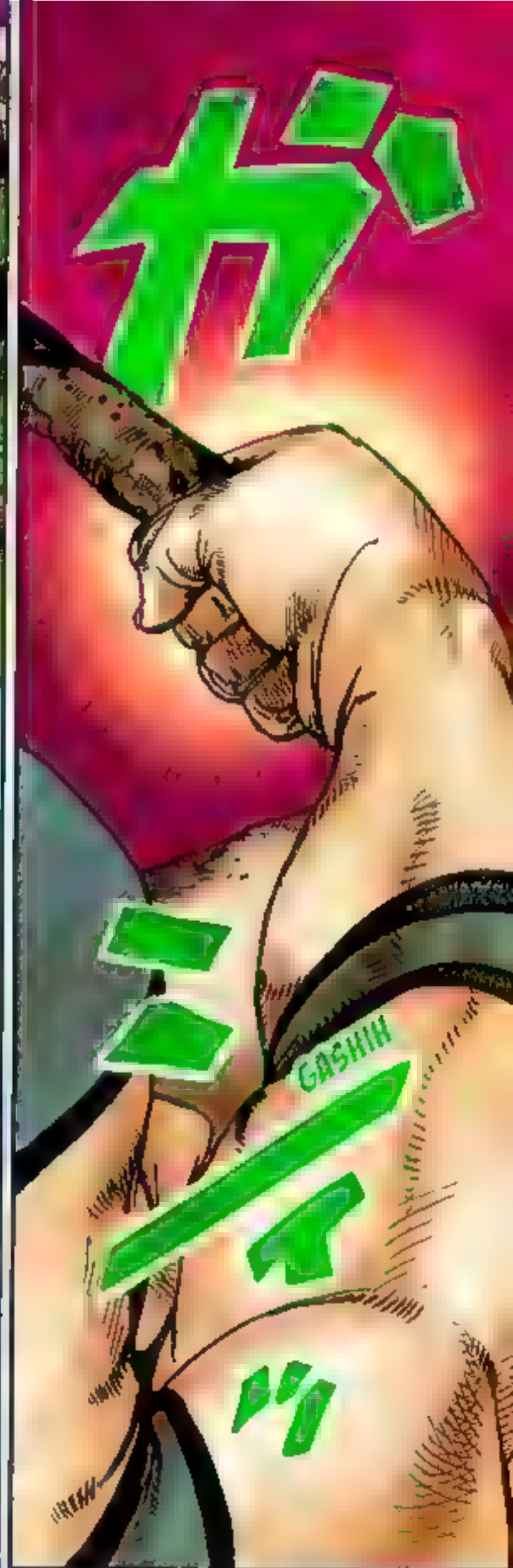
GUH  
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ZEEH  
ZEEH

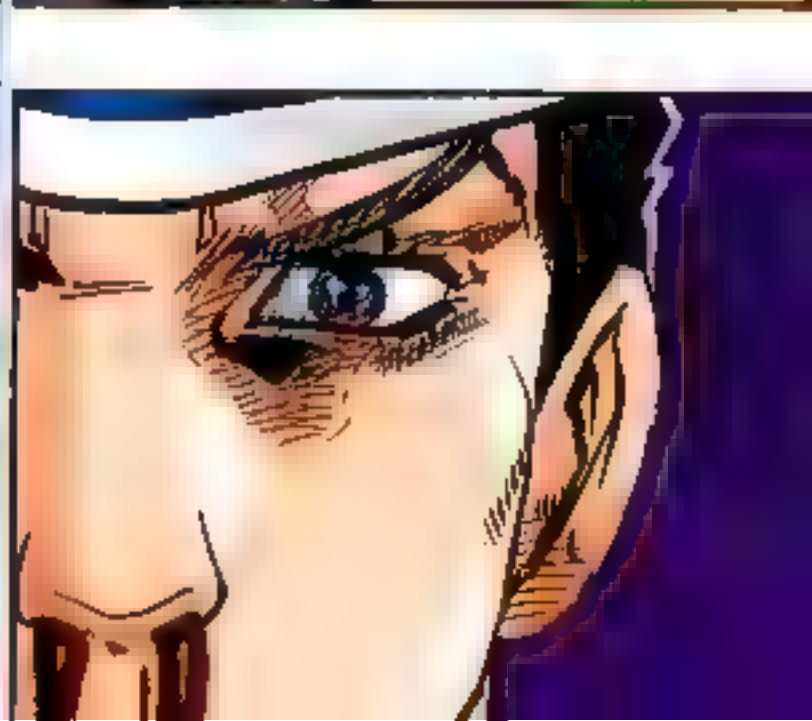
I...  
I GOT  
IT.

HAA  
HAA

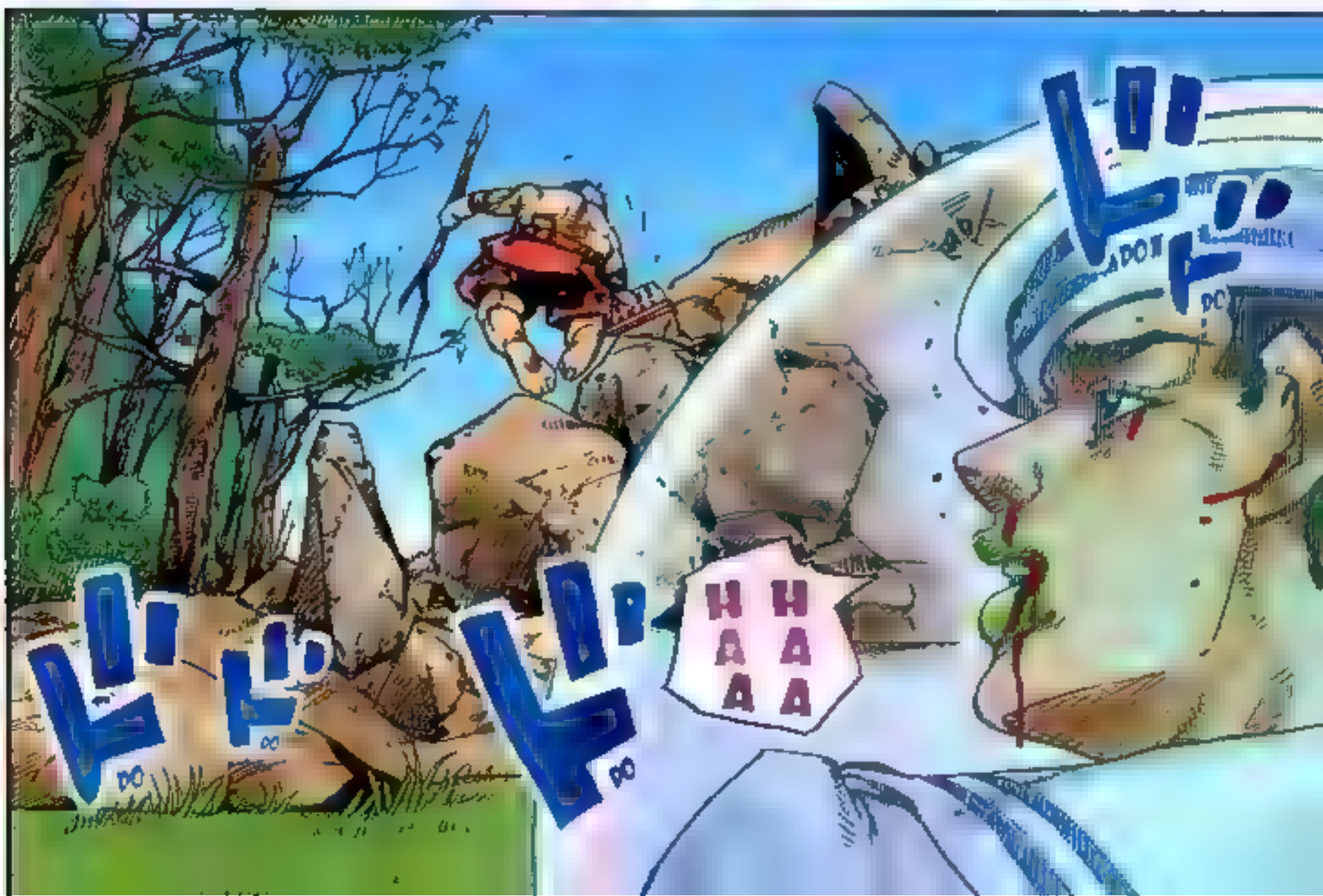
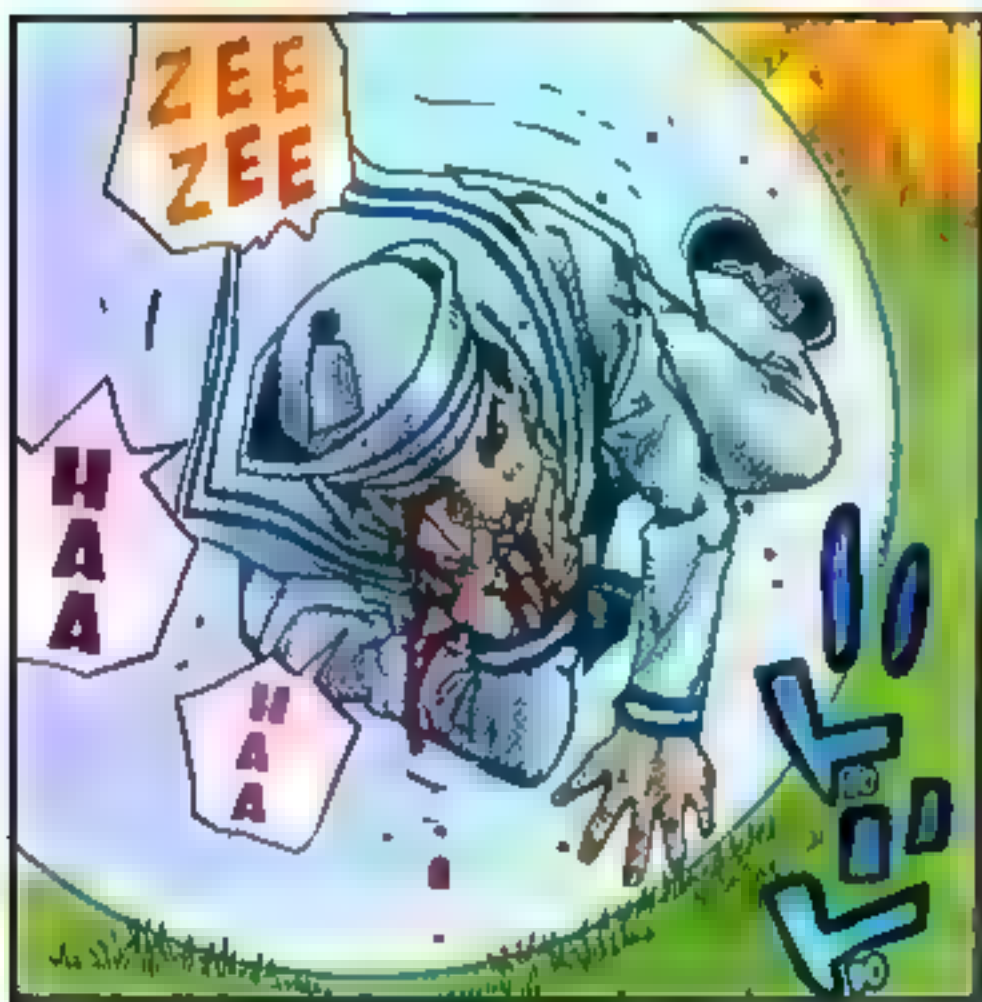
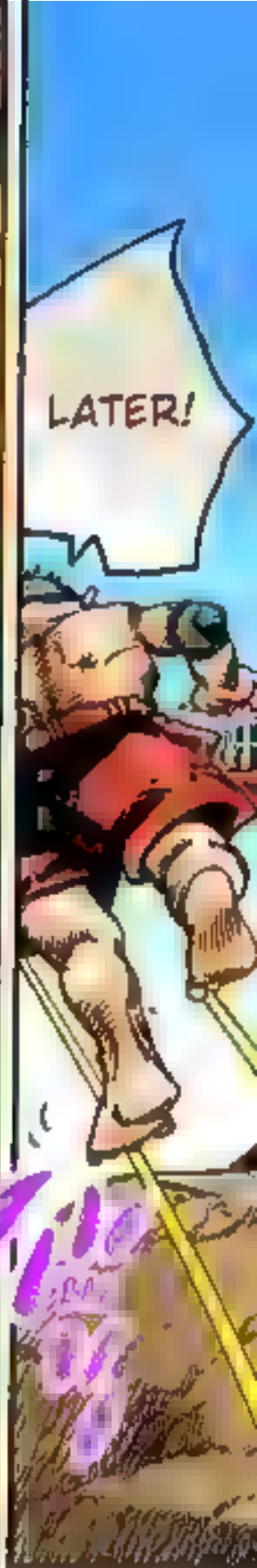
GAH



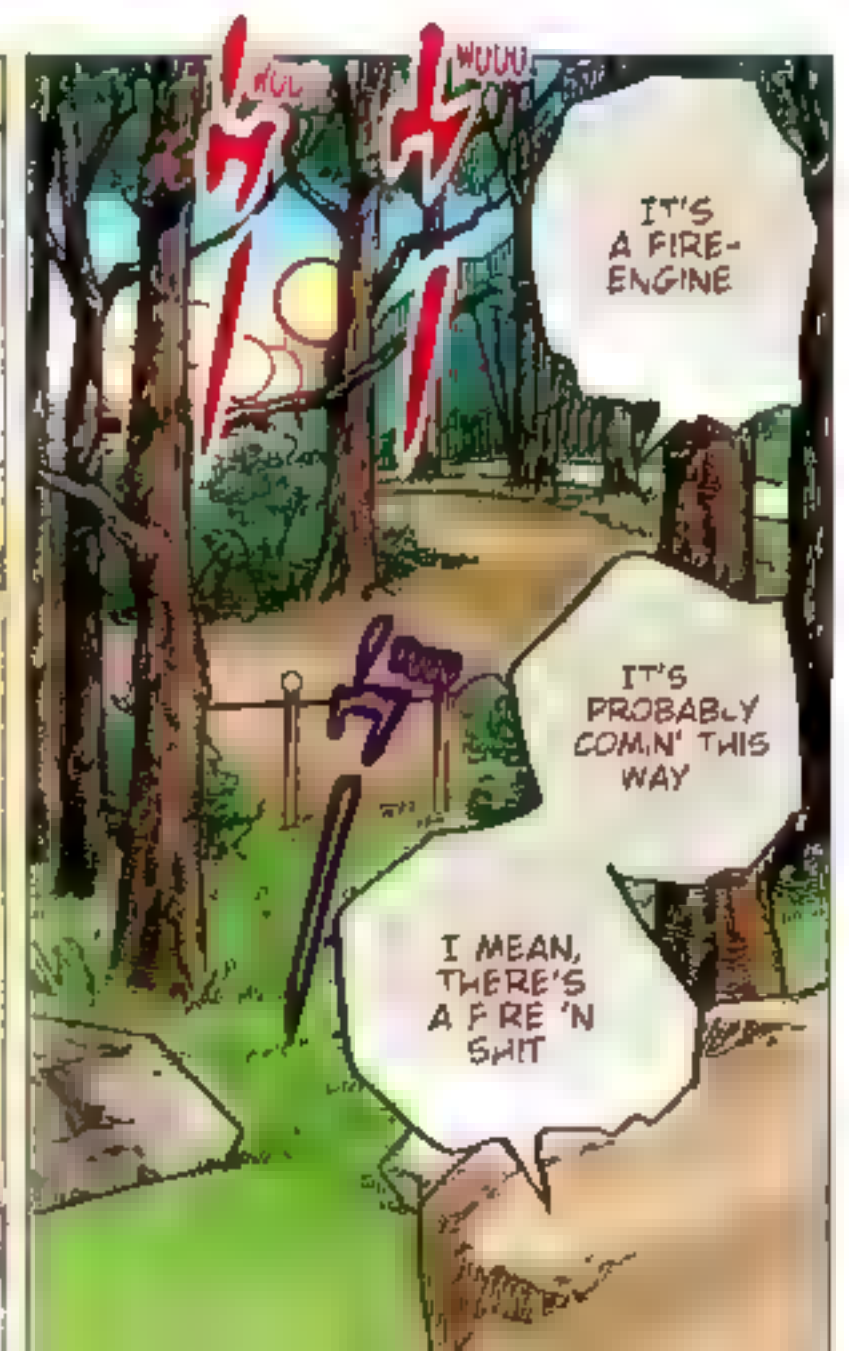
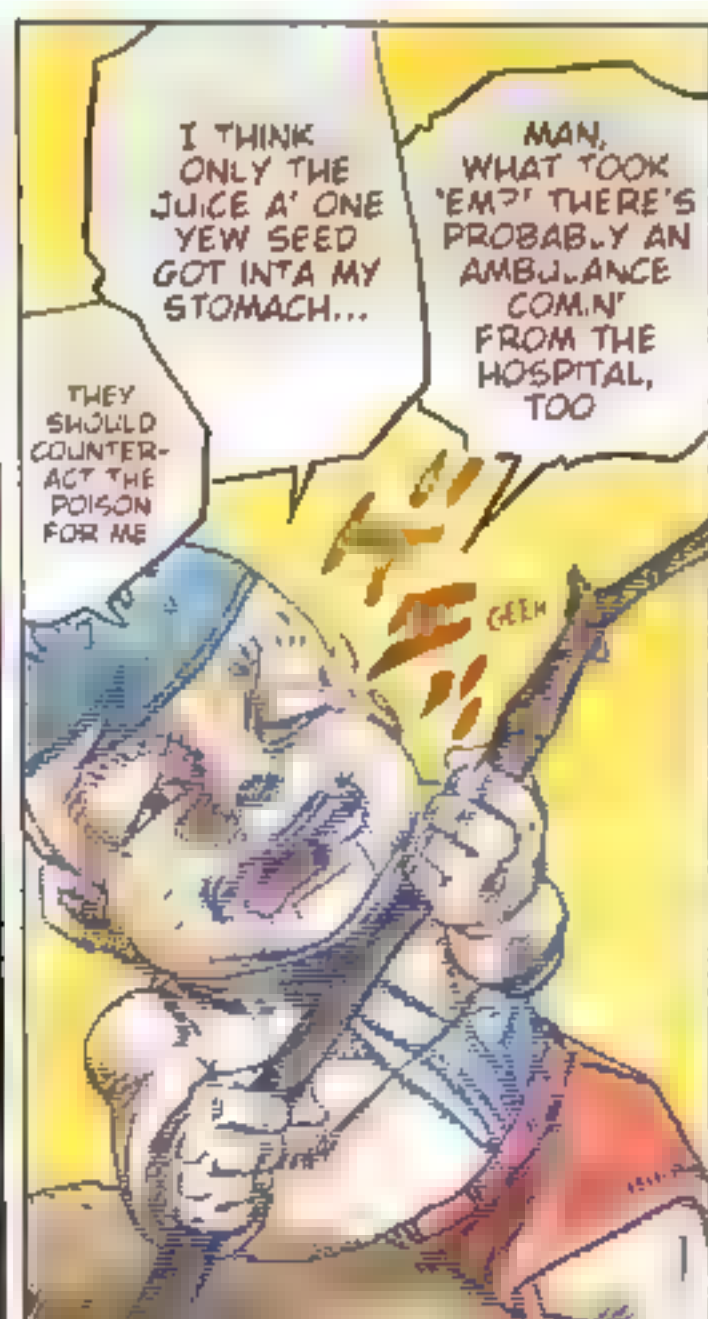
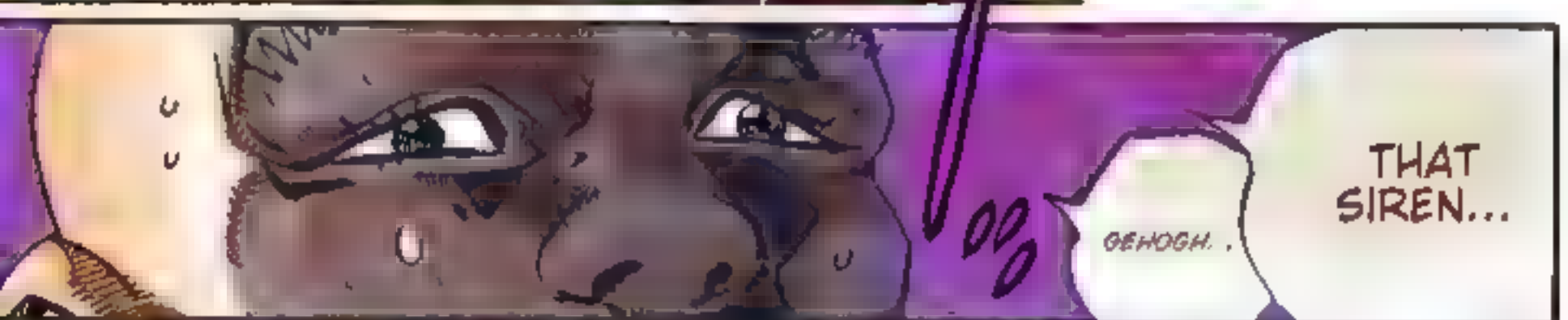
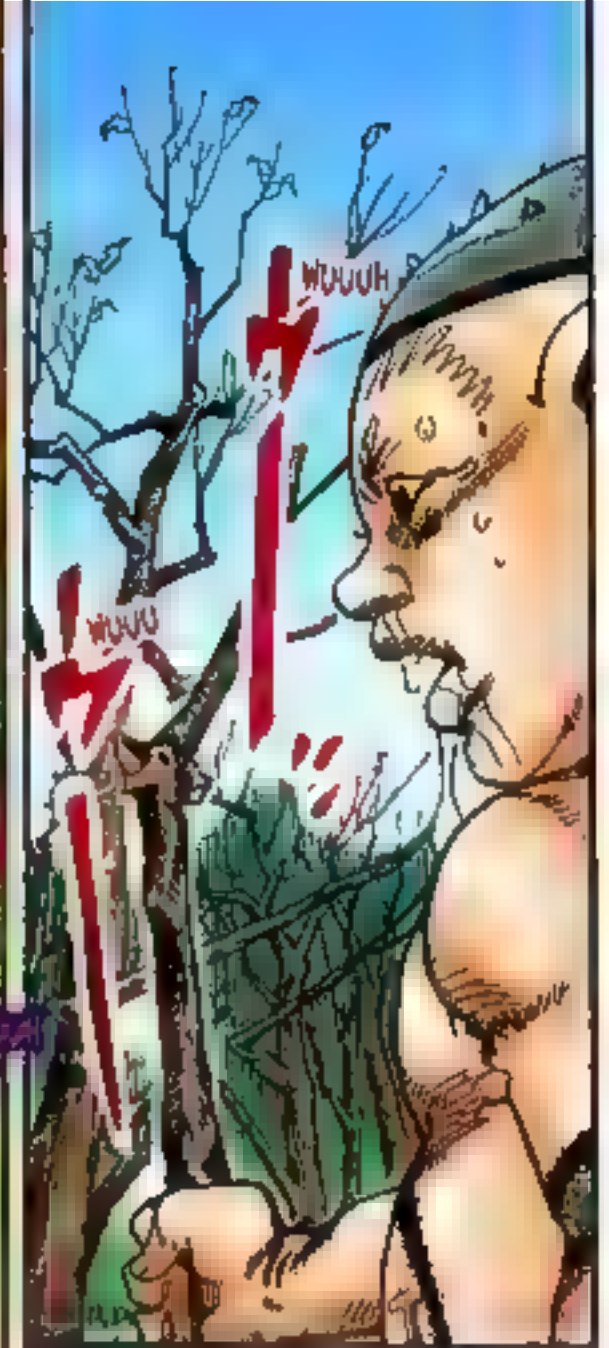
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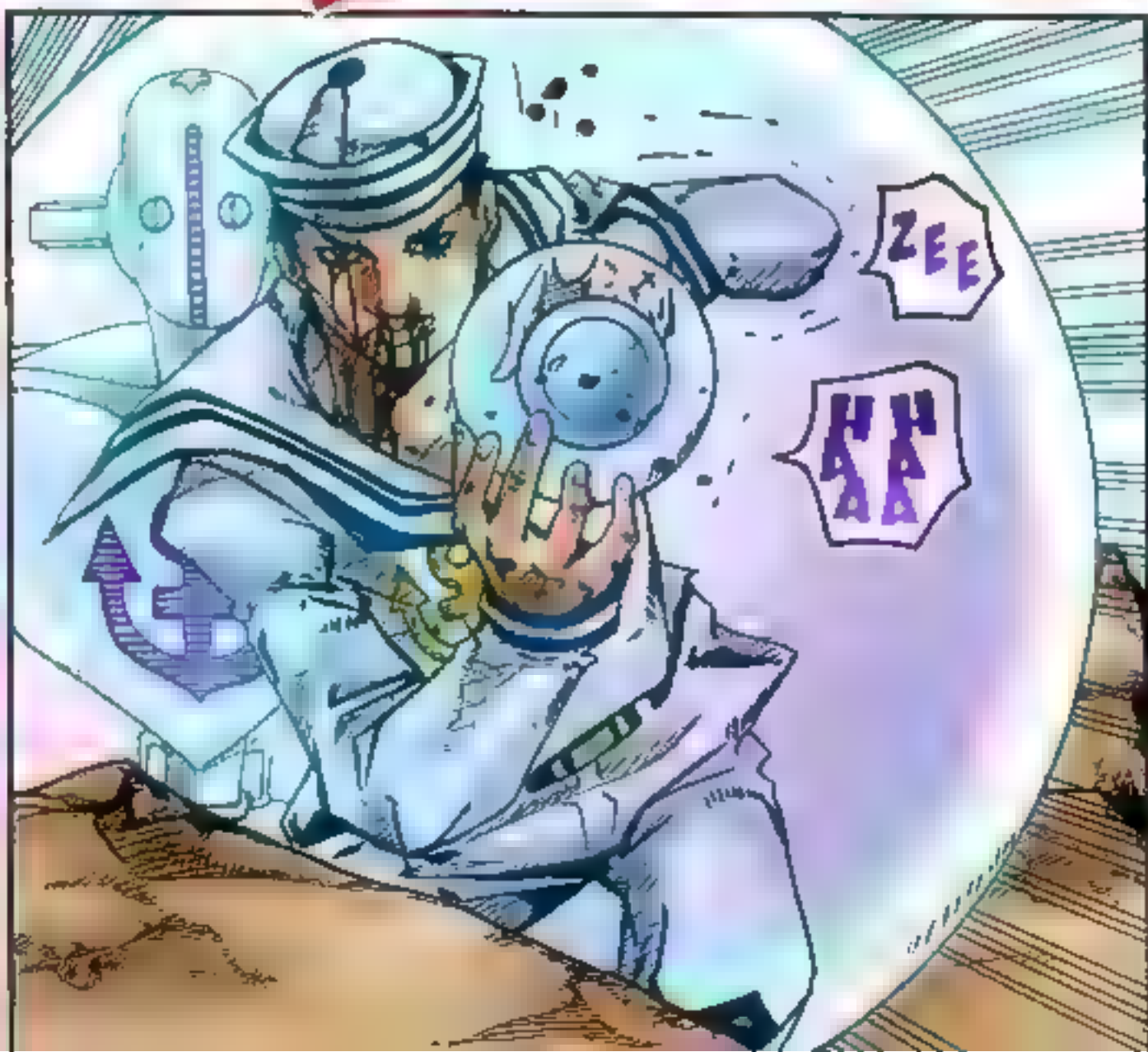
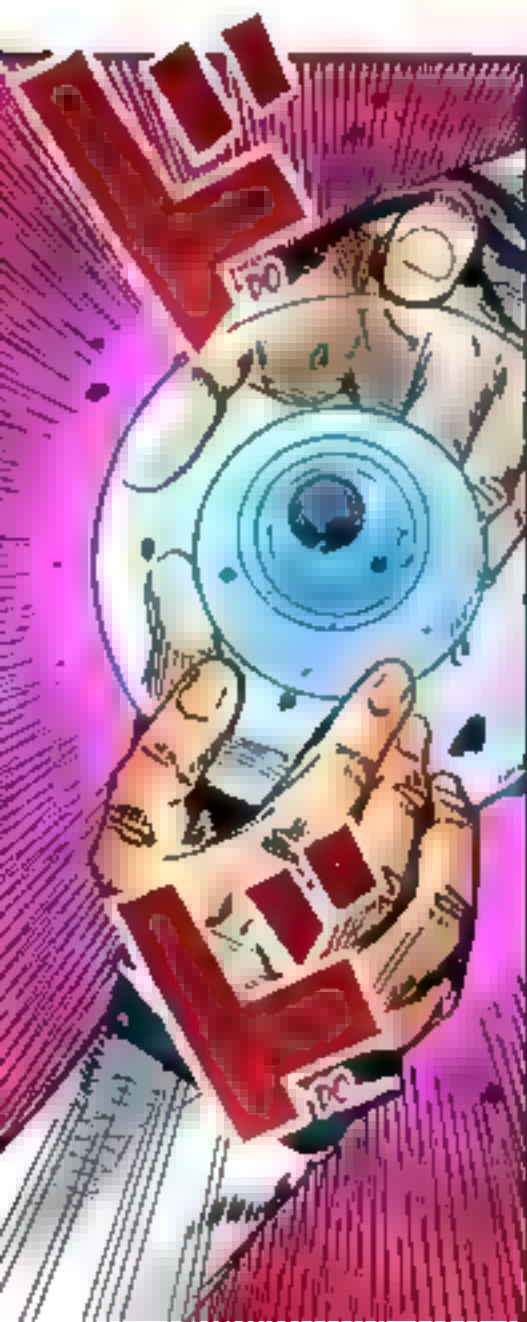




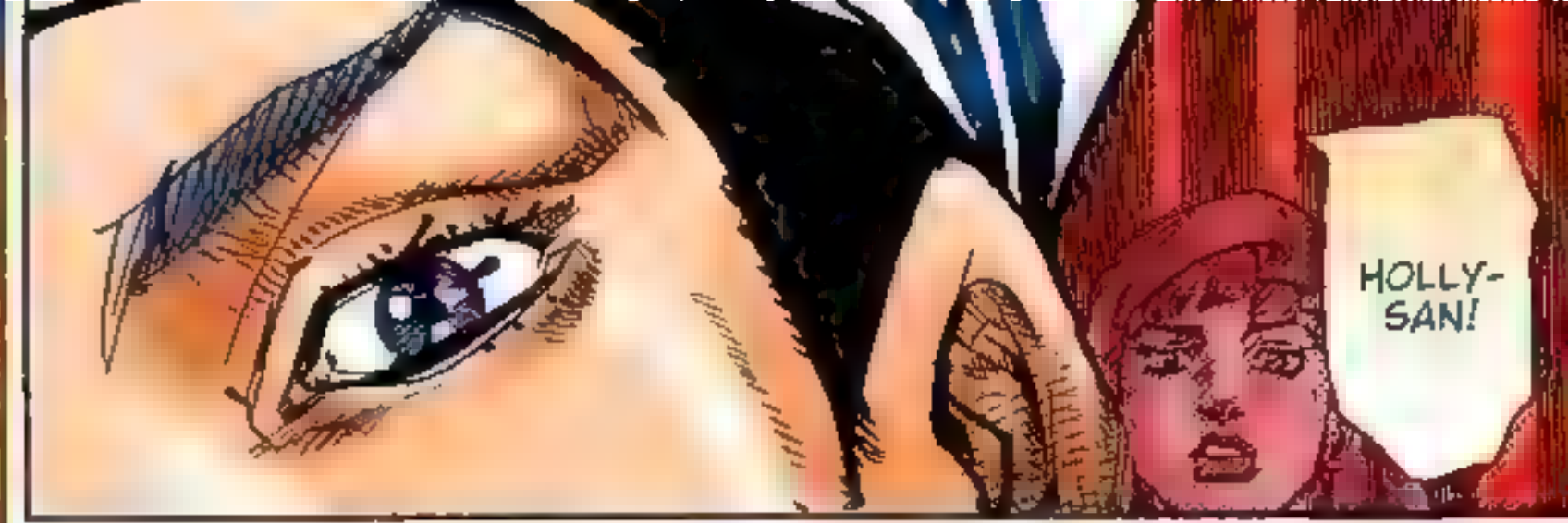




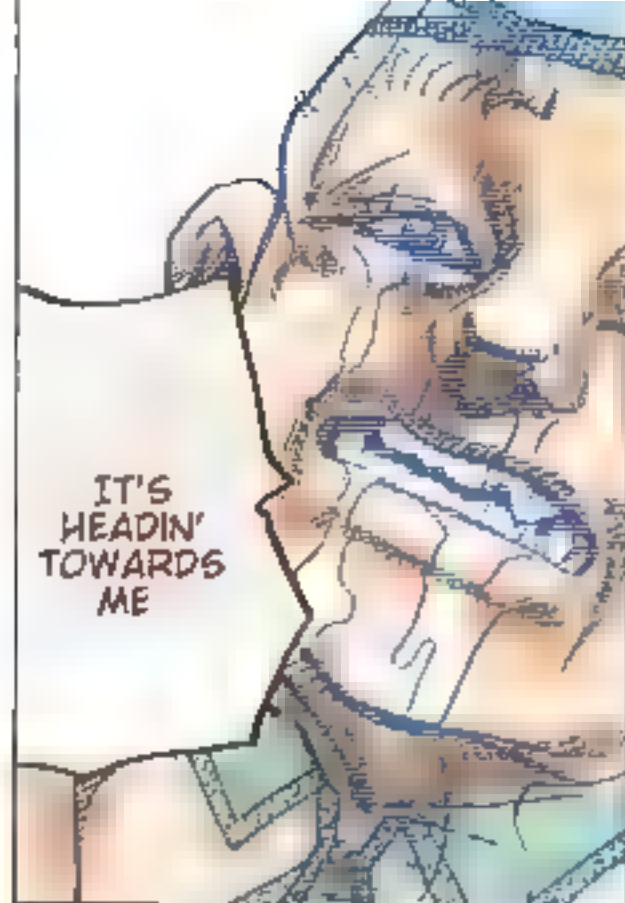














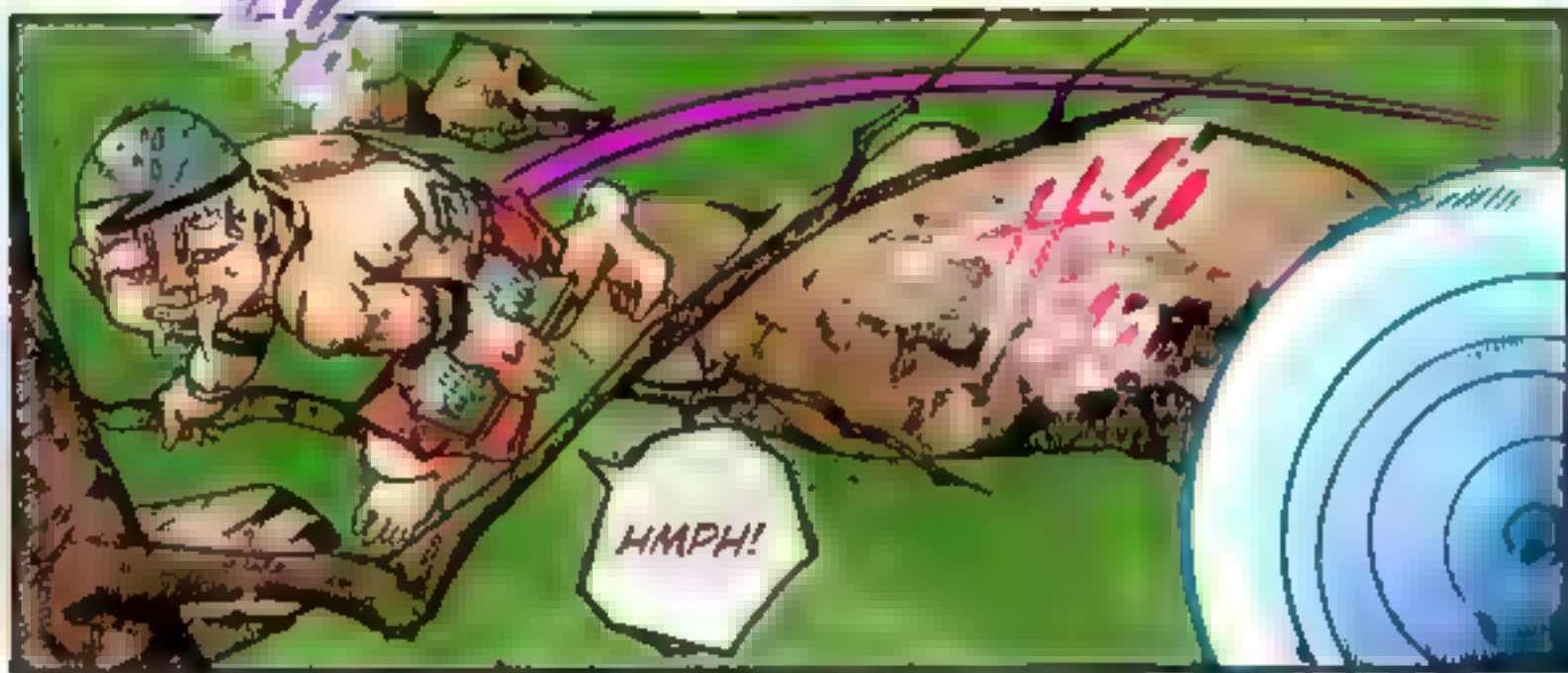


THAT'S  
ONE A'  
THOSE YEW  
SEEDS FROM  
BEFORE



"WHAT"  
IS THAT  
IN THERE?  
WAIT, I CAN  
SEE IT...!!

SOMETHING'S  
INSIDE!



HMPH!



AH!!







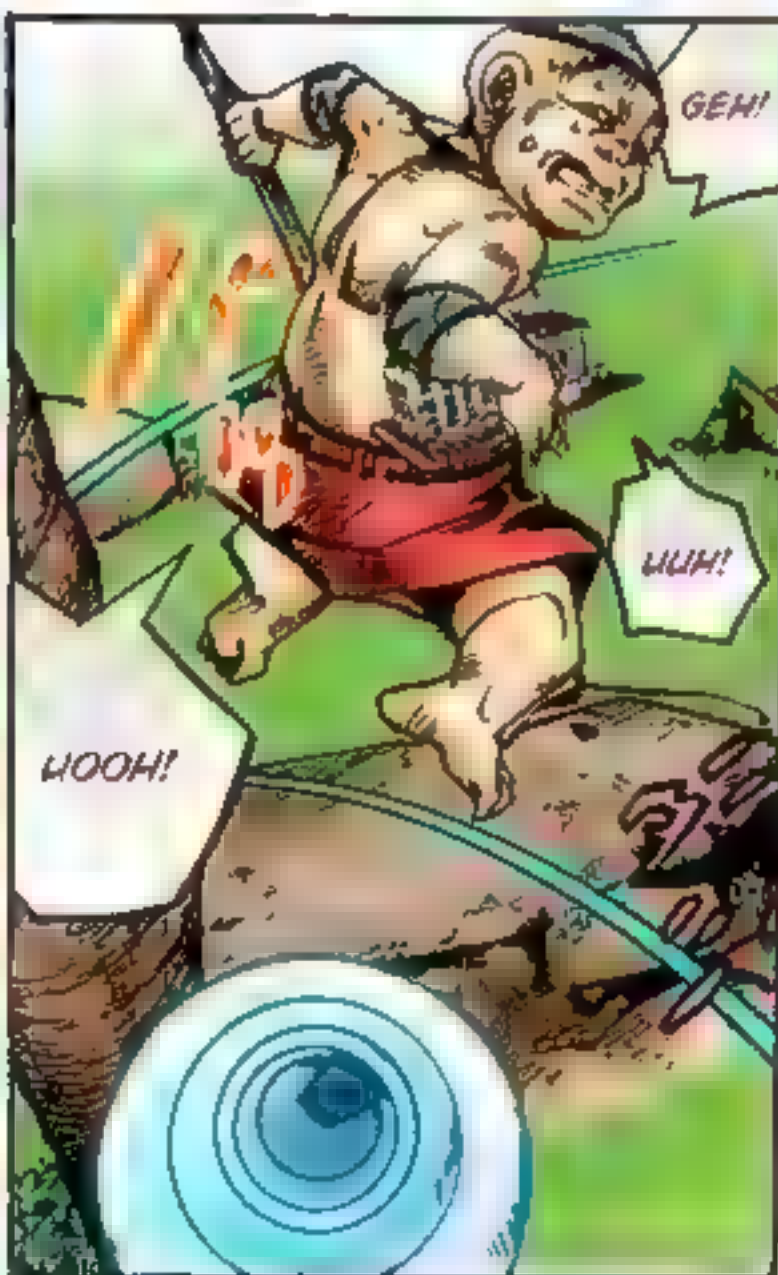
IT'S BREAKIN'  
ONE LAYER  
AT A TIME!



ONE OF  
THE SOAP  
BUBBLES POPPED!  
AND THEN THE  
DIRECTION  
IT'S MOVIN'  
IN CHANGED  
TOO!!

WH-  
'WHAT  
THE HELL'  
IS INSIDE  
THERE?!

THE CLOSER  
IT GETS TA ME,  
THE STRONGER  
THE PRESSURE'S  
GETTIN'.



GEN!

UHH!

WOOH!



ANOTHER ONE  
POPPED!





YOU  
BASTARD!

H-HERE IT  
COMES!









**PRESENTED BY: DUCKSWITHHATS**

**TYPESETTING: BLACKZERO**

**CLEANING: MINEDOR**

**LOGO: THATDUDE**

**QC: NAT71828, SUICUNE41**

**TRANSLATION: HI WA MATA NOBORU**





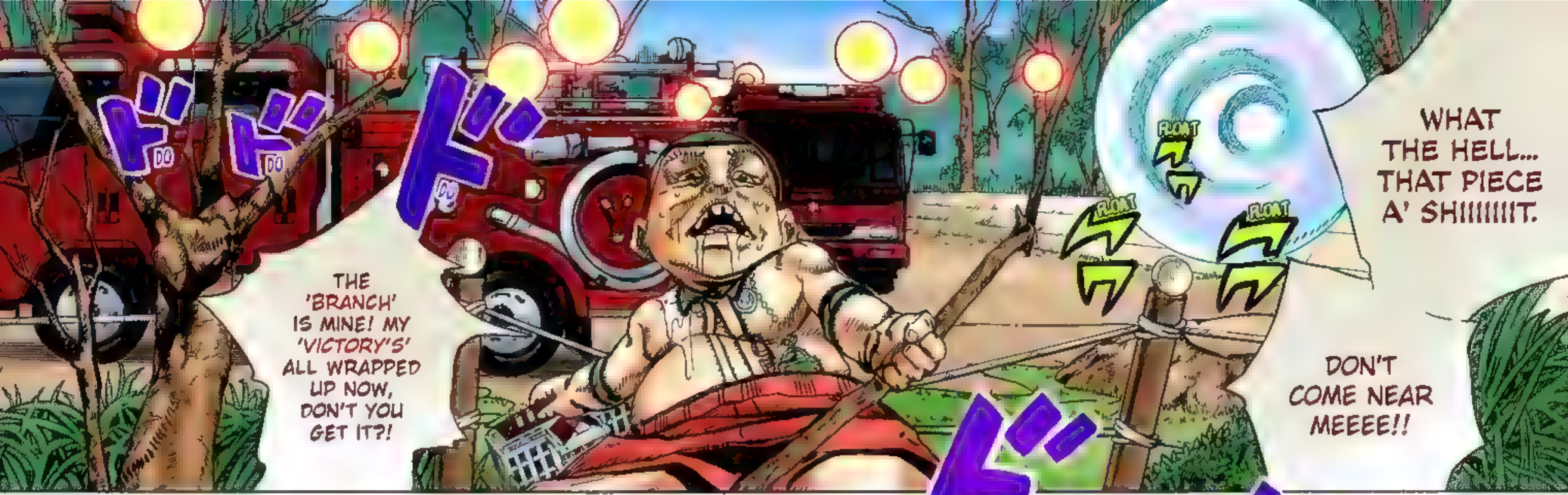
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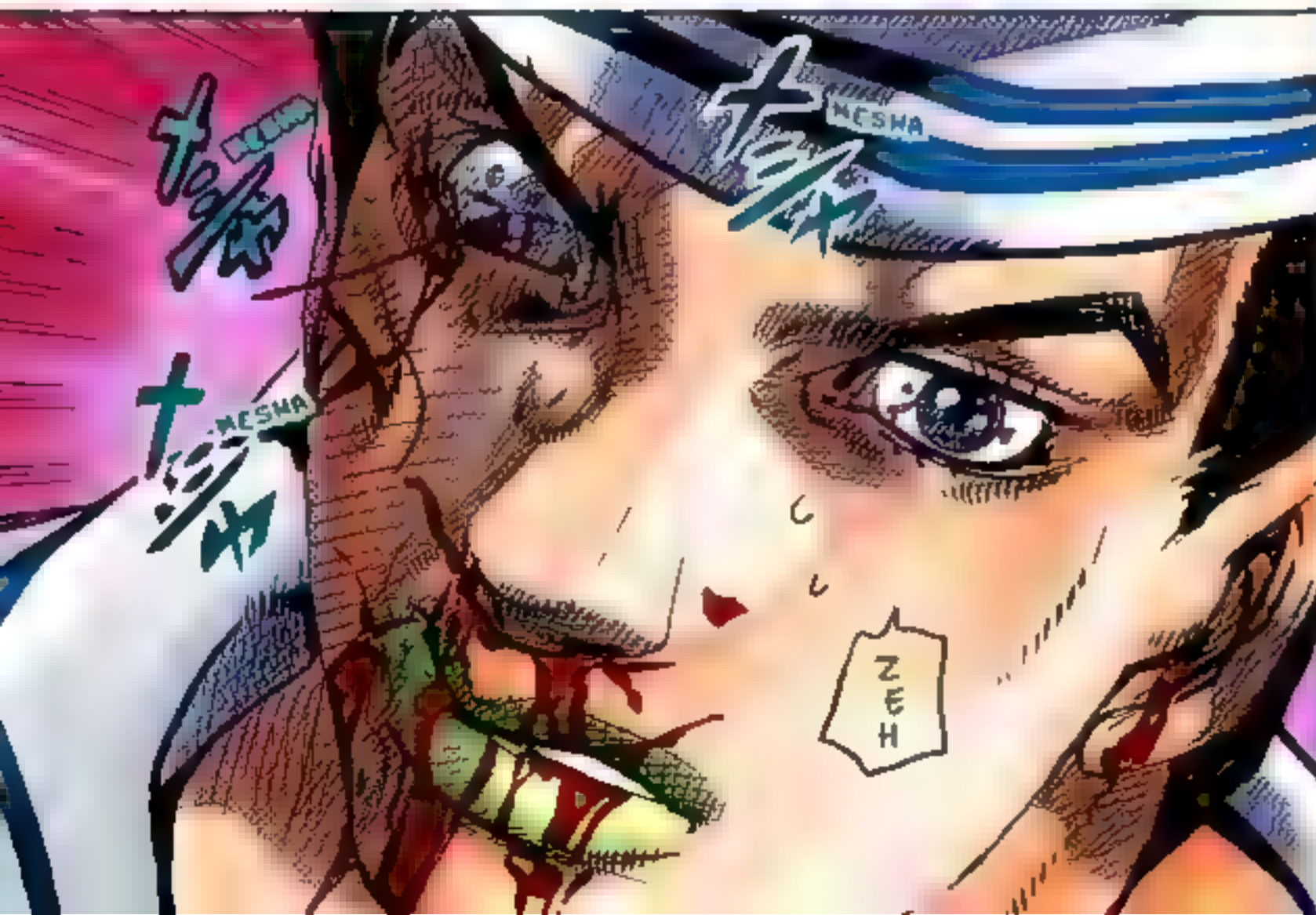




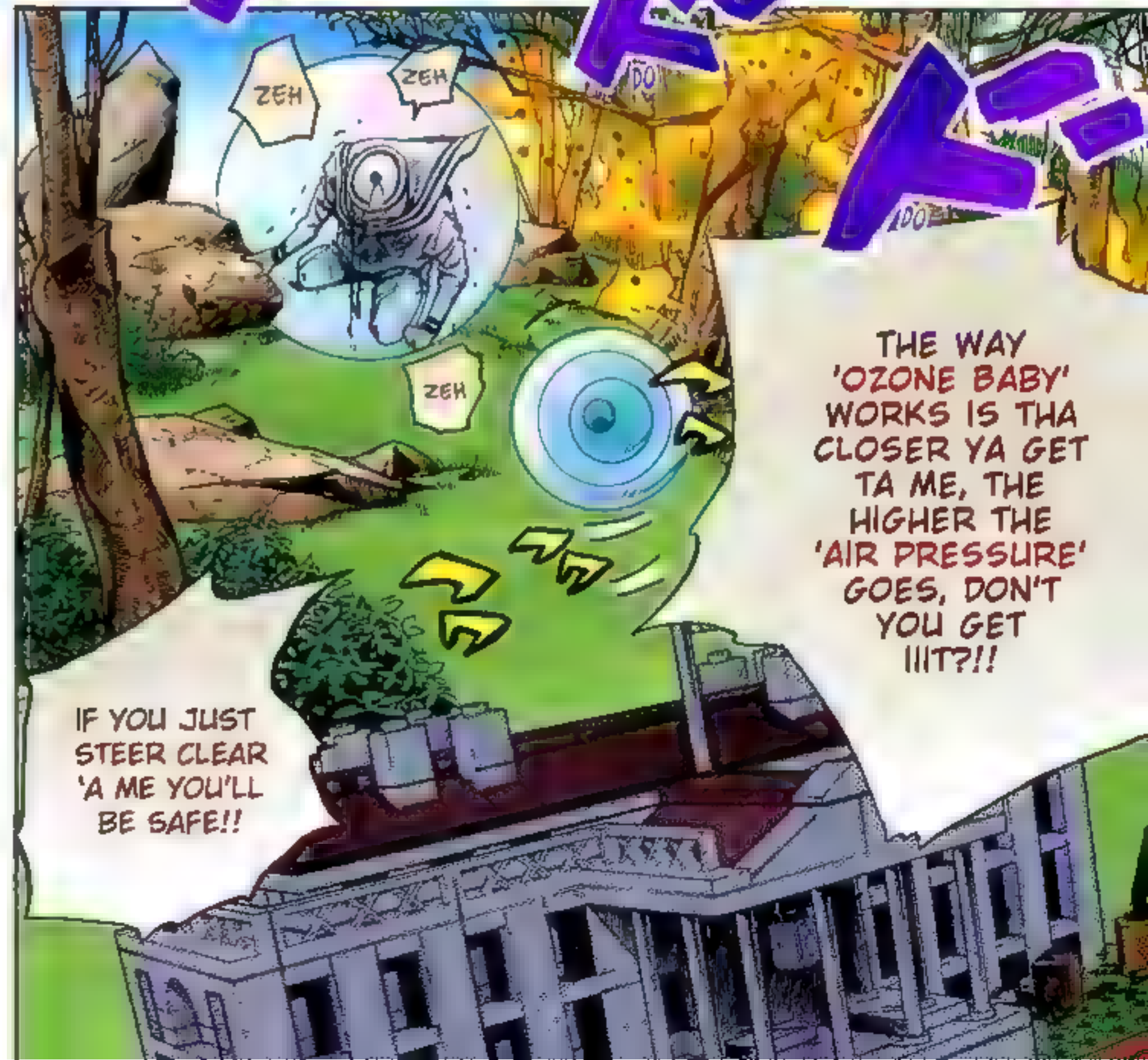
THE  
'BRANCH'  
IS MINE! MY  
'VICTORY'S'  
ALL WRAPPED  
UP NOW,  
DON'T YOU  
GET IT?!

WHAT  
THE HELL...  
THAT PIECE  
A' SHIIIIIT.

DON'T  
COME NEAR  
MEEEE!!



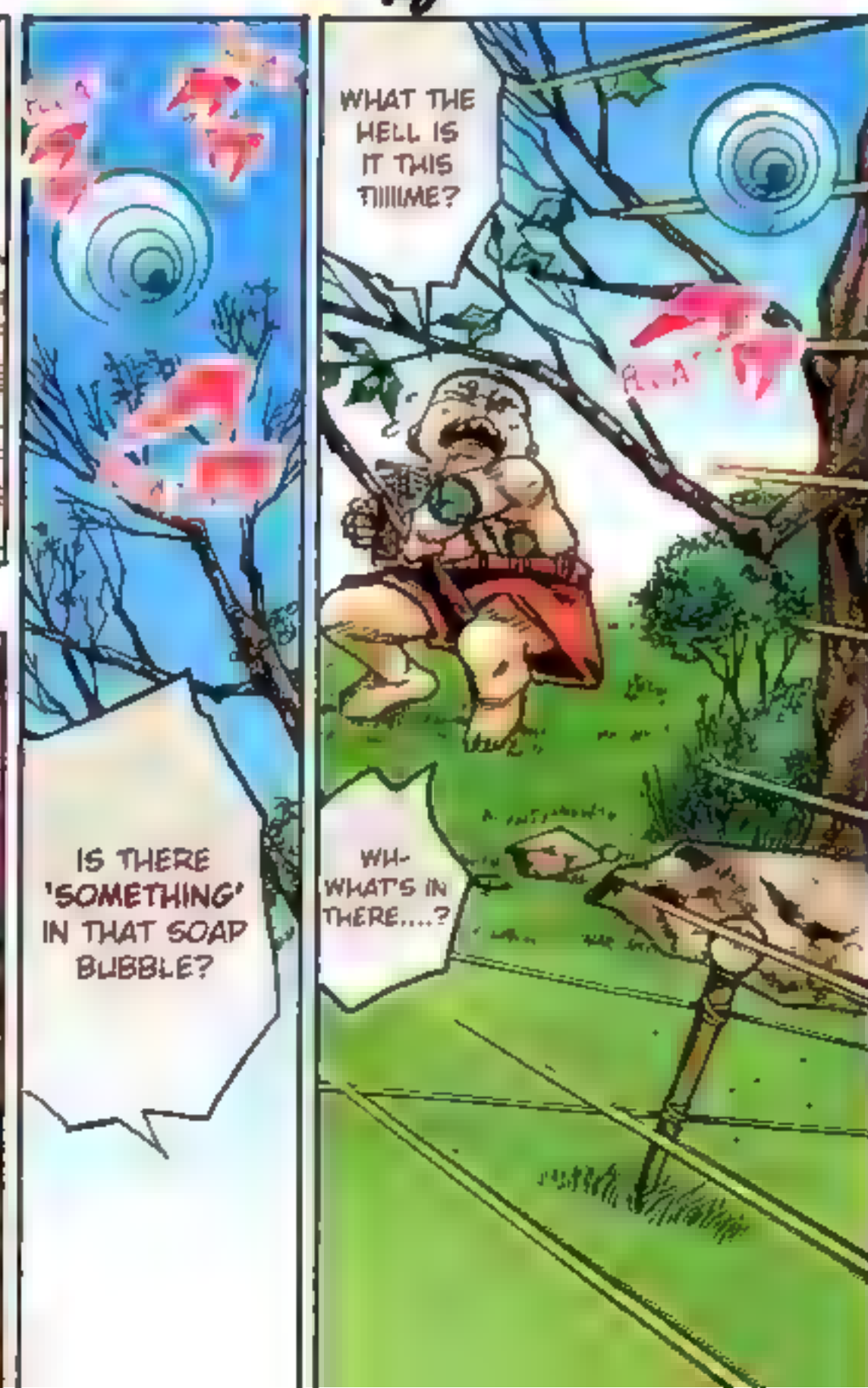
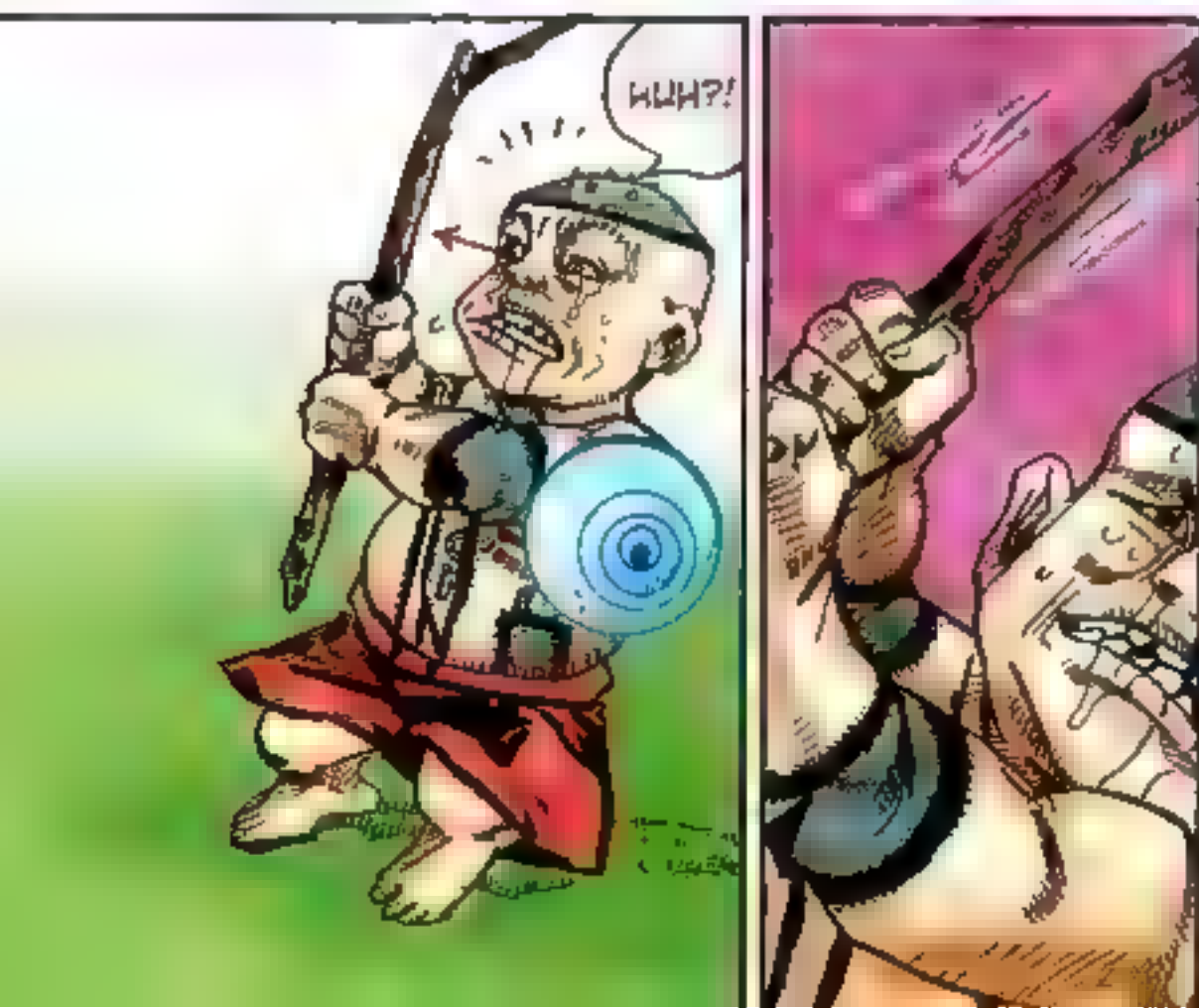
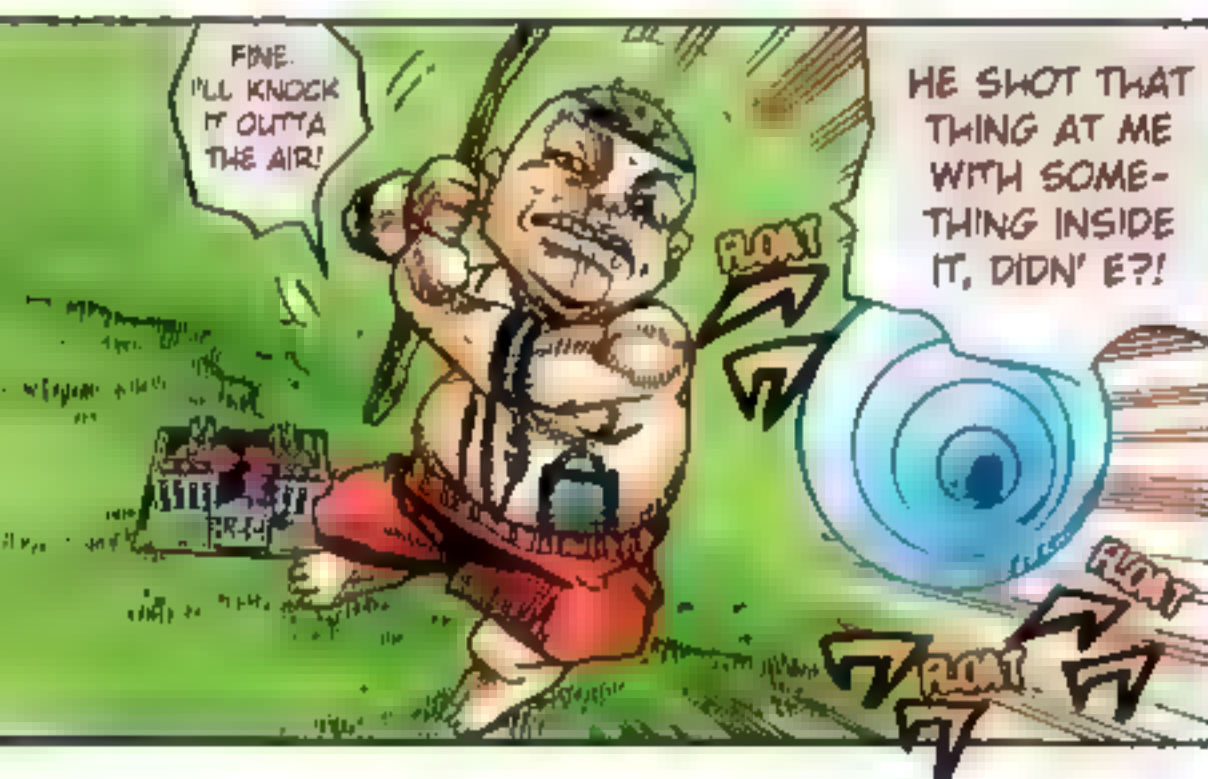
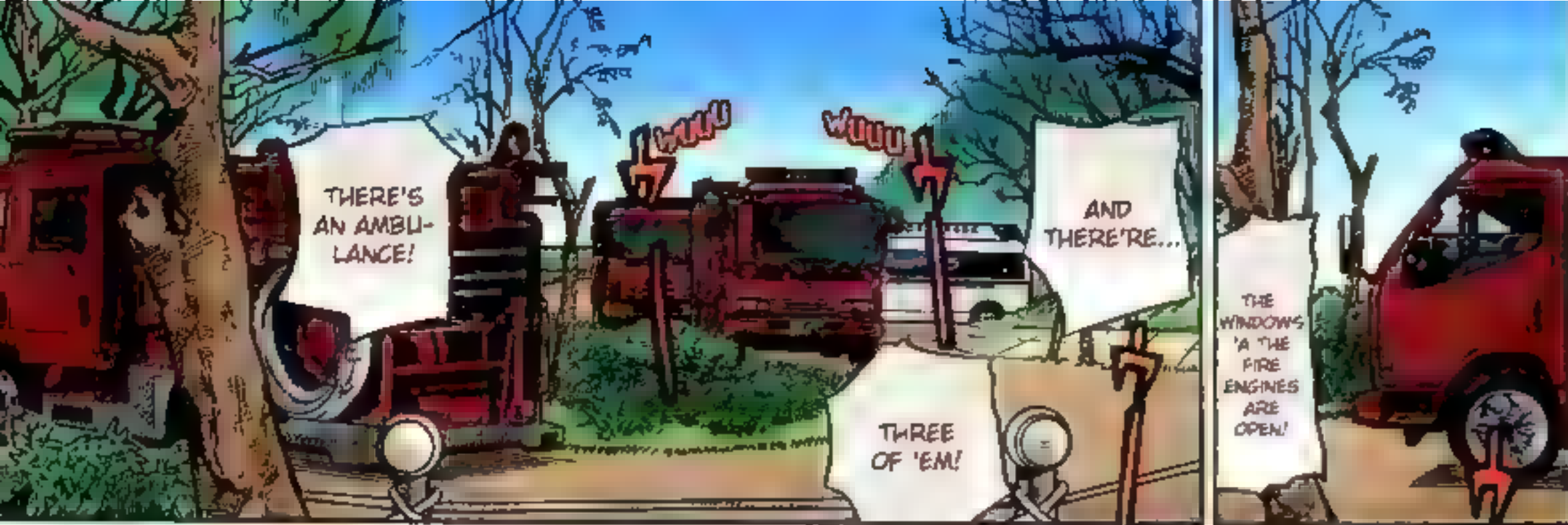
STAY  
AWAA-  
AAAY!



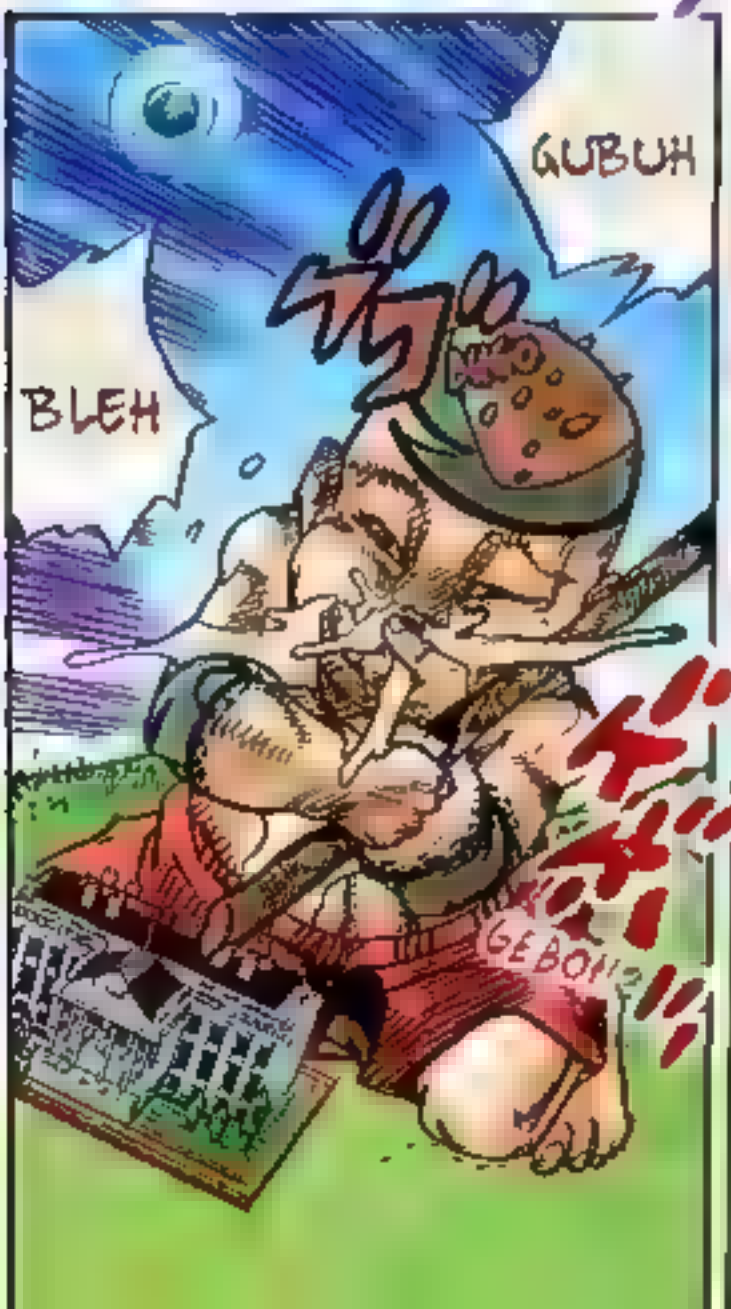
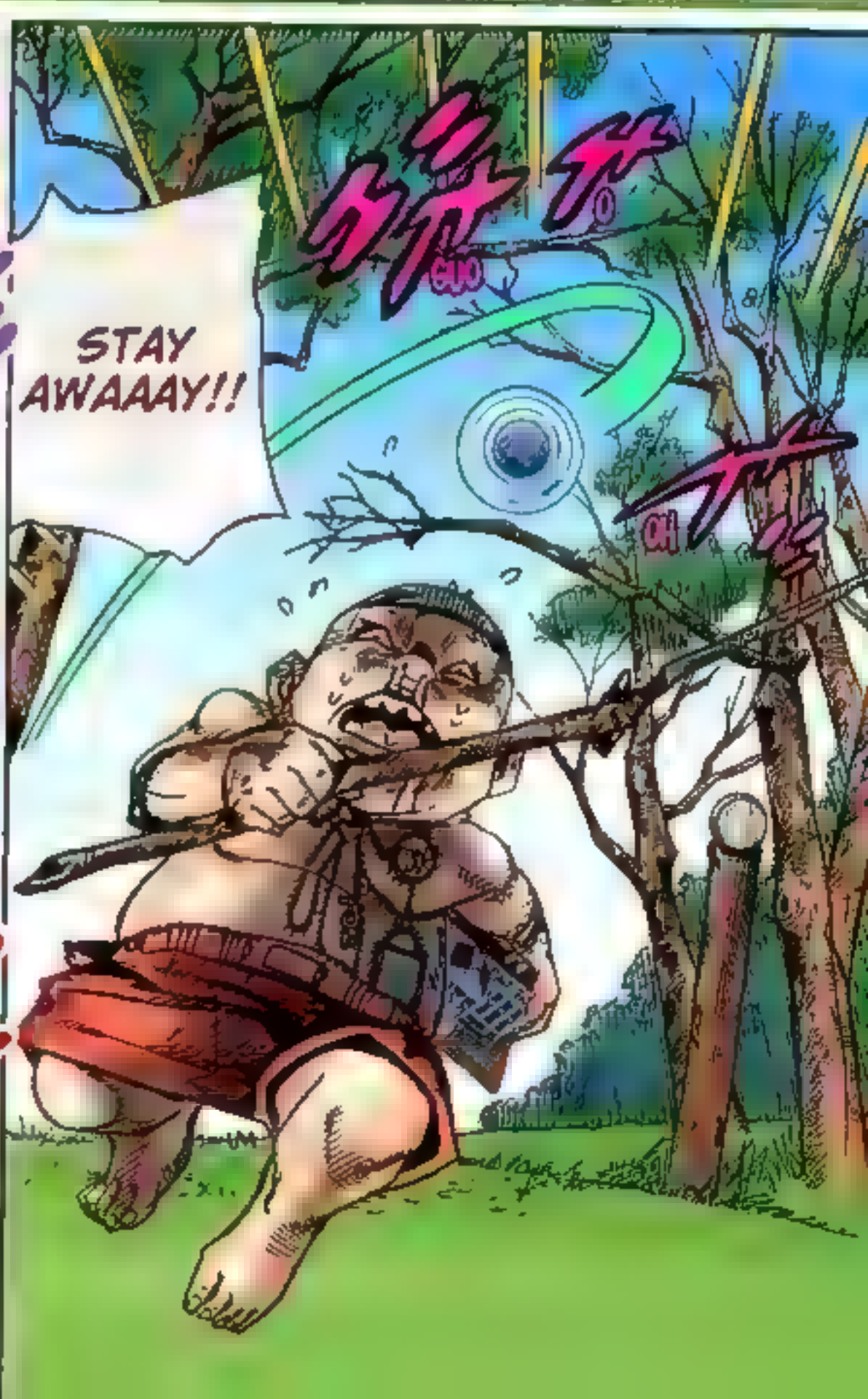
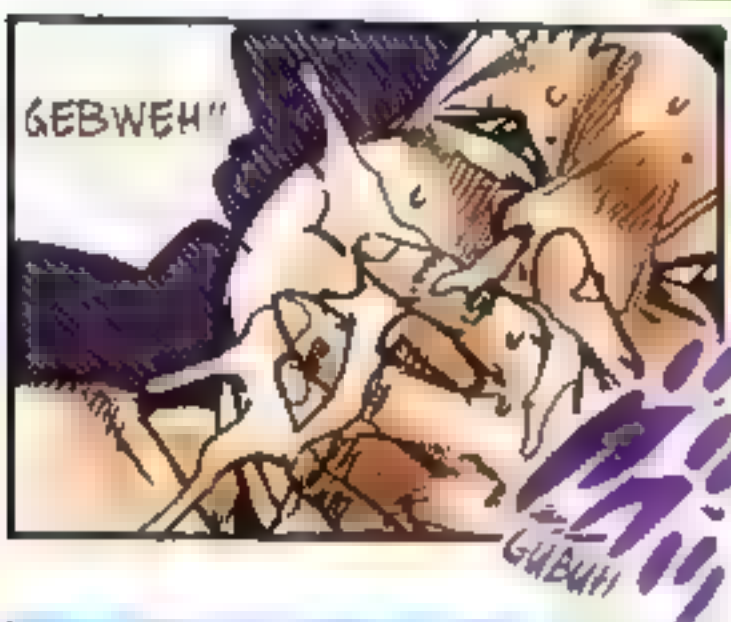
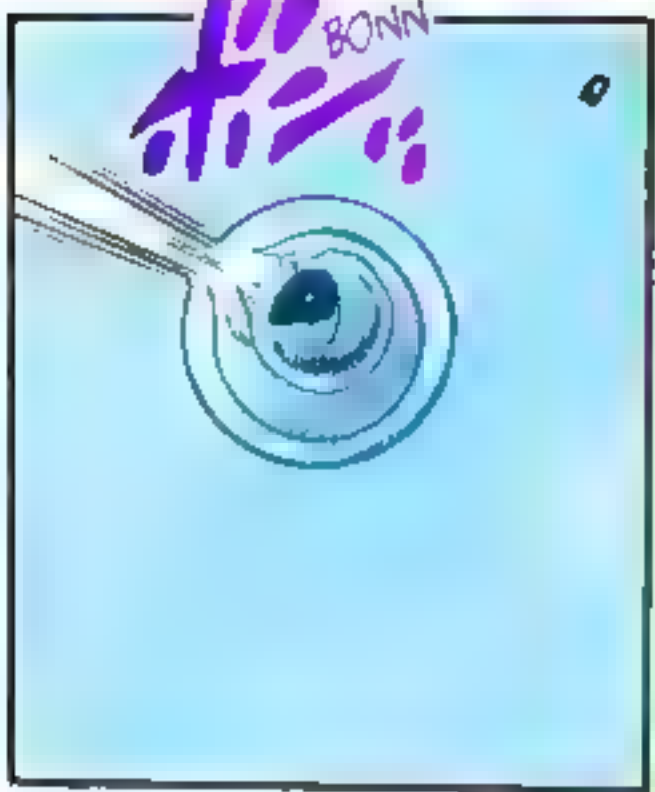
THE WAY  
'OZONE BABY'  
WORKS IS THA  
CLOSER YA GET  
TA ME, THE  
HIGHER THE  
'AIR PRESSURE'  
GOES, DON'T  
YOU GET  
IIT?!!

IF YOU JUST  
STEER CLEAR  
'A ME YOU'LL  
BE SAFE!!

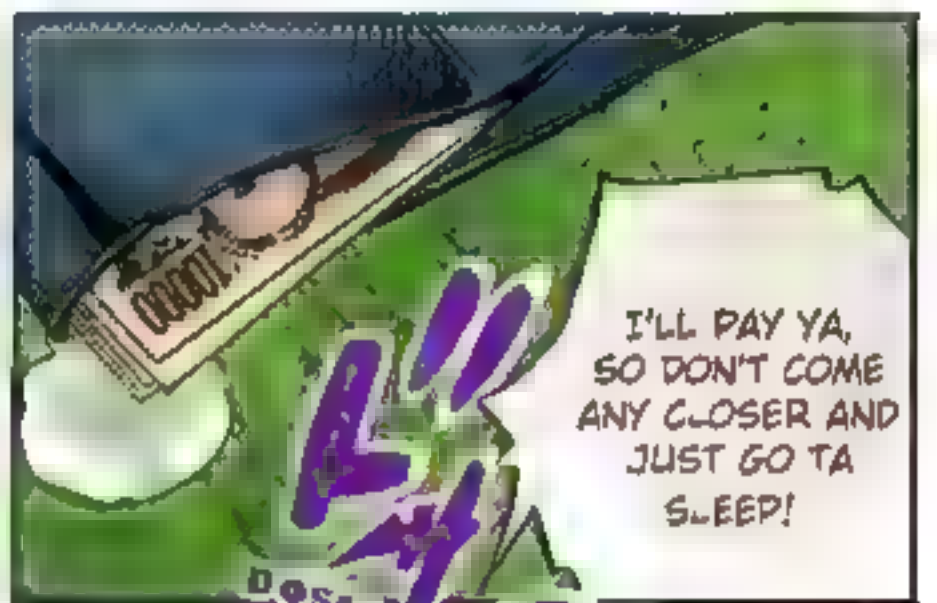
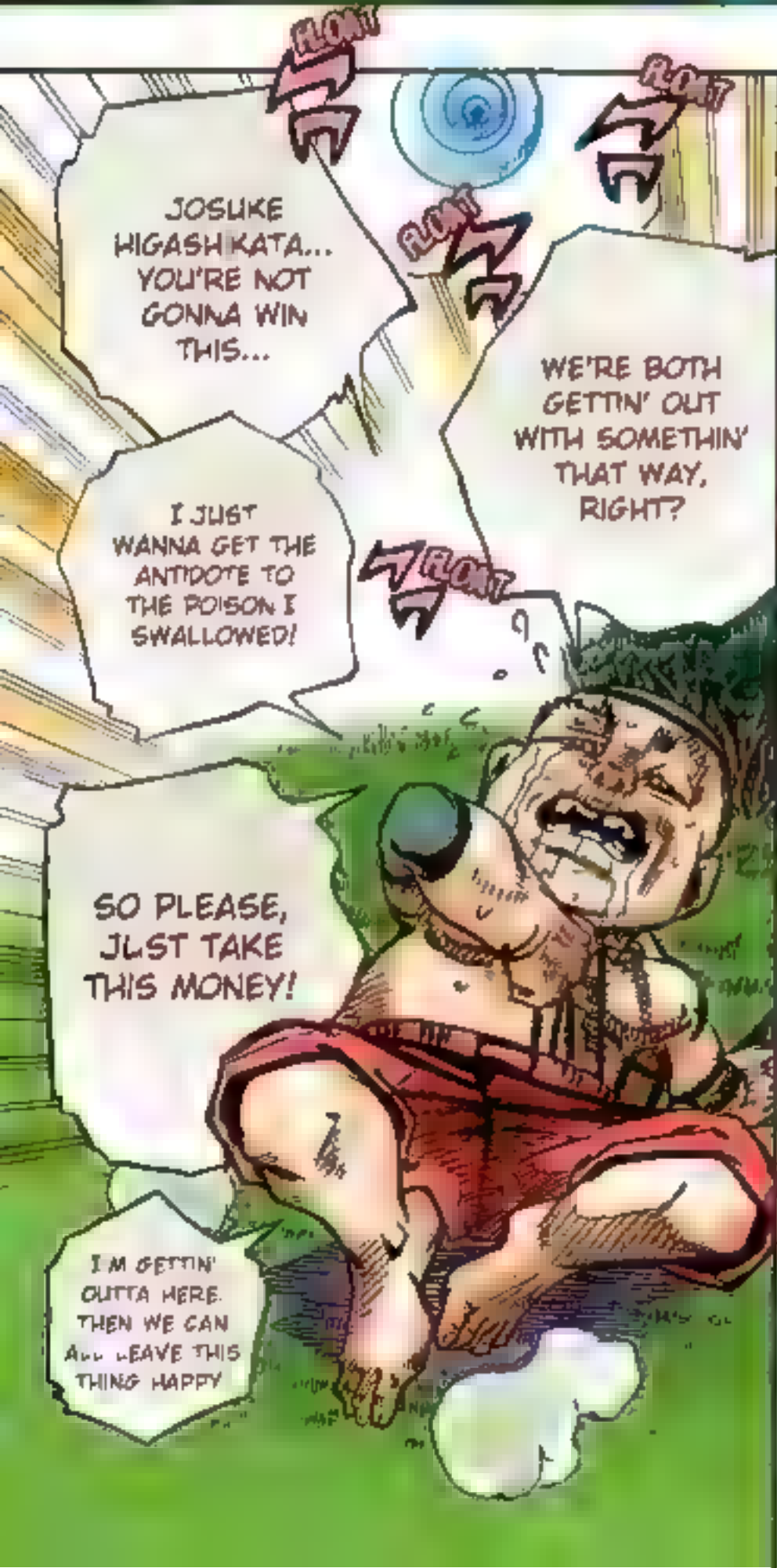
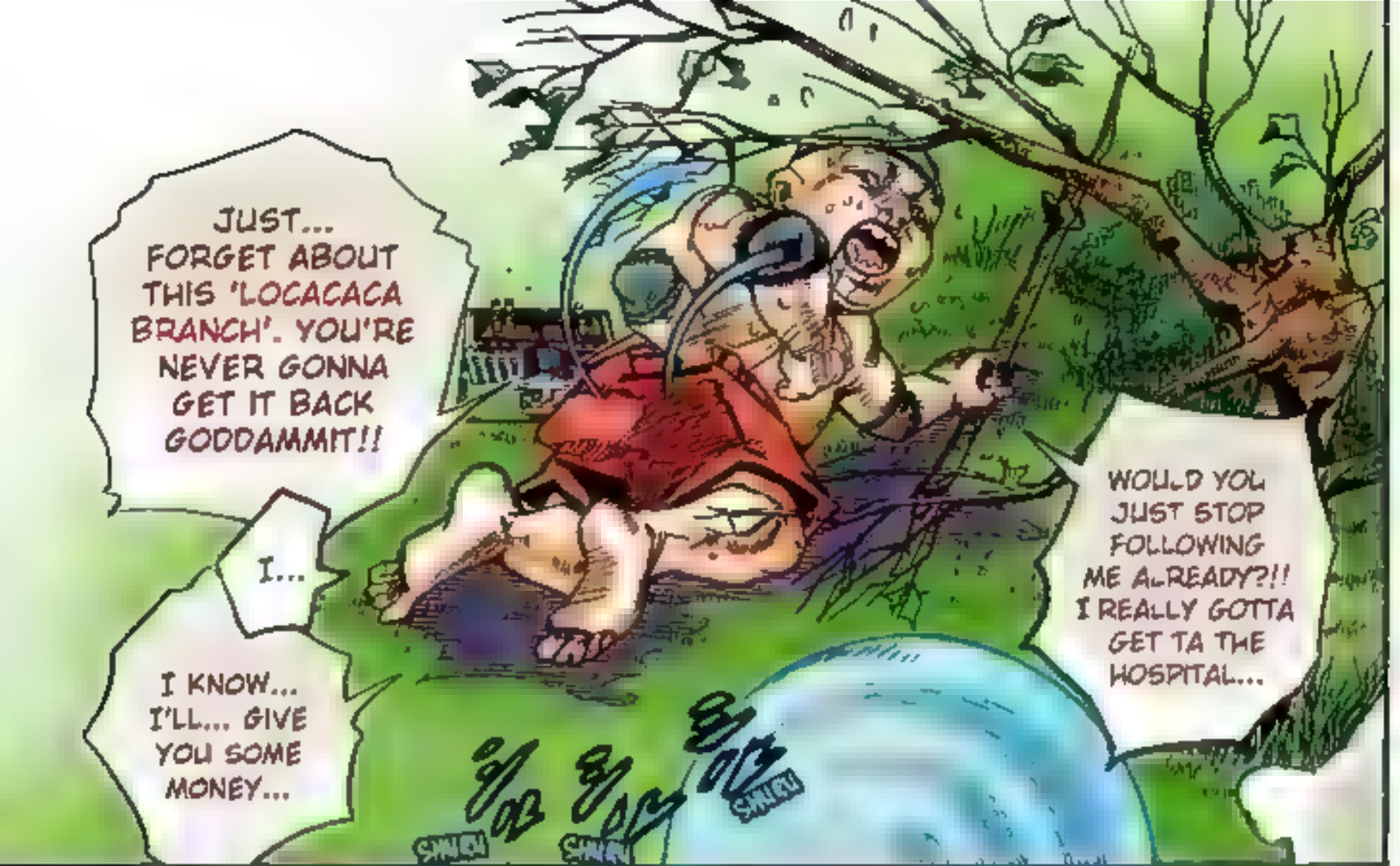




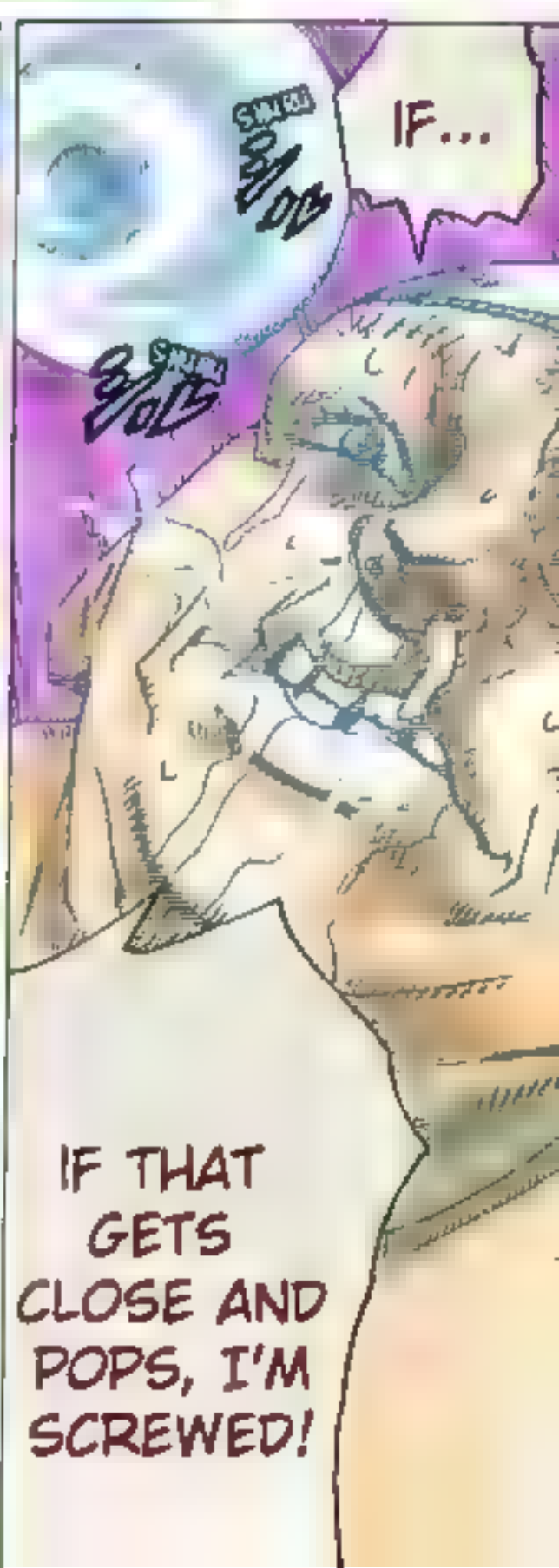
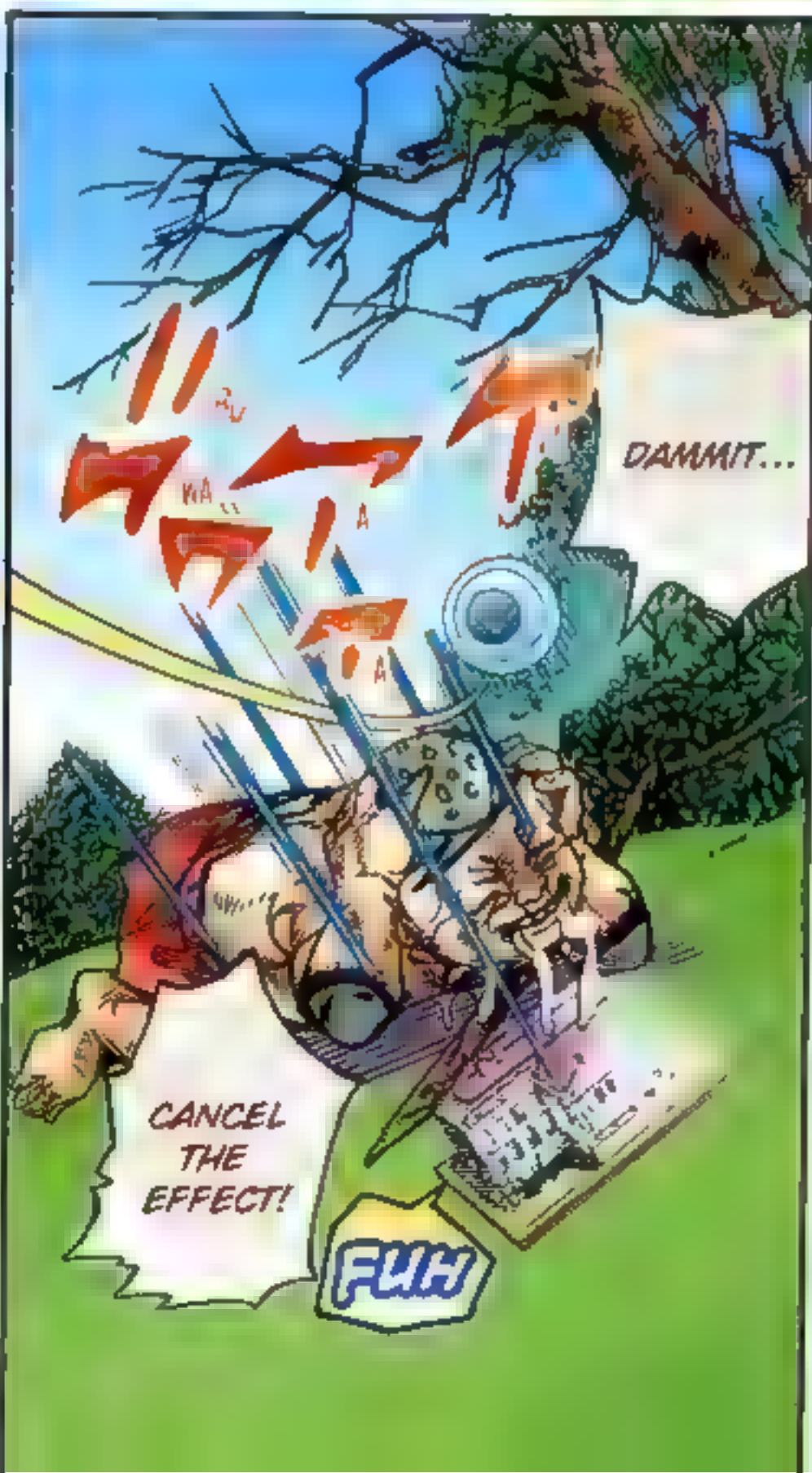
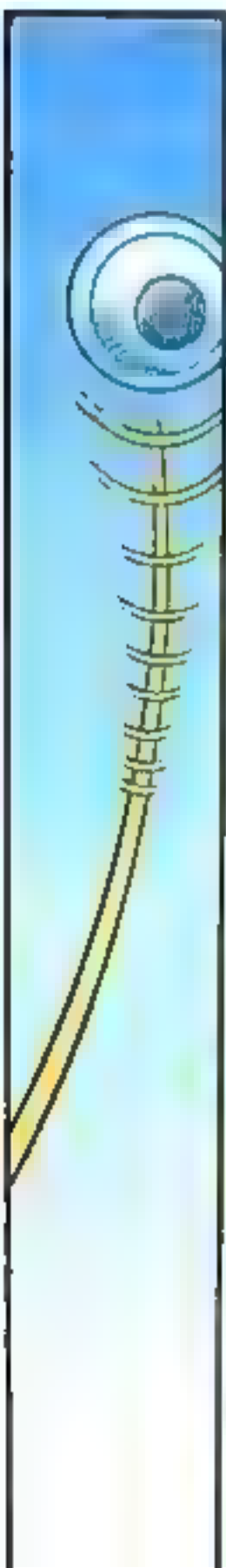








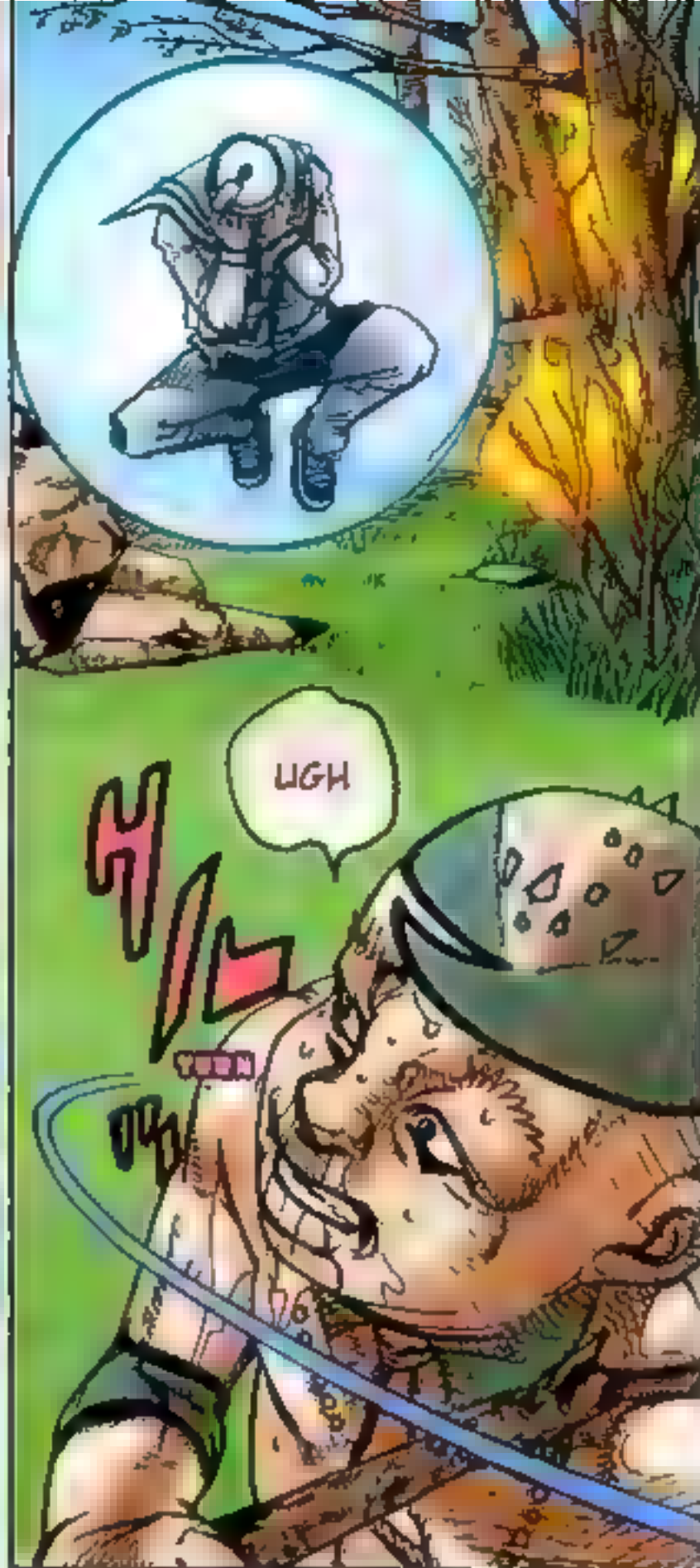
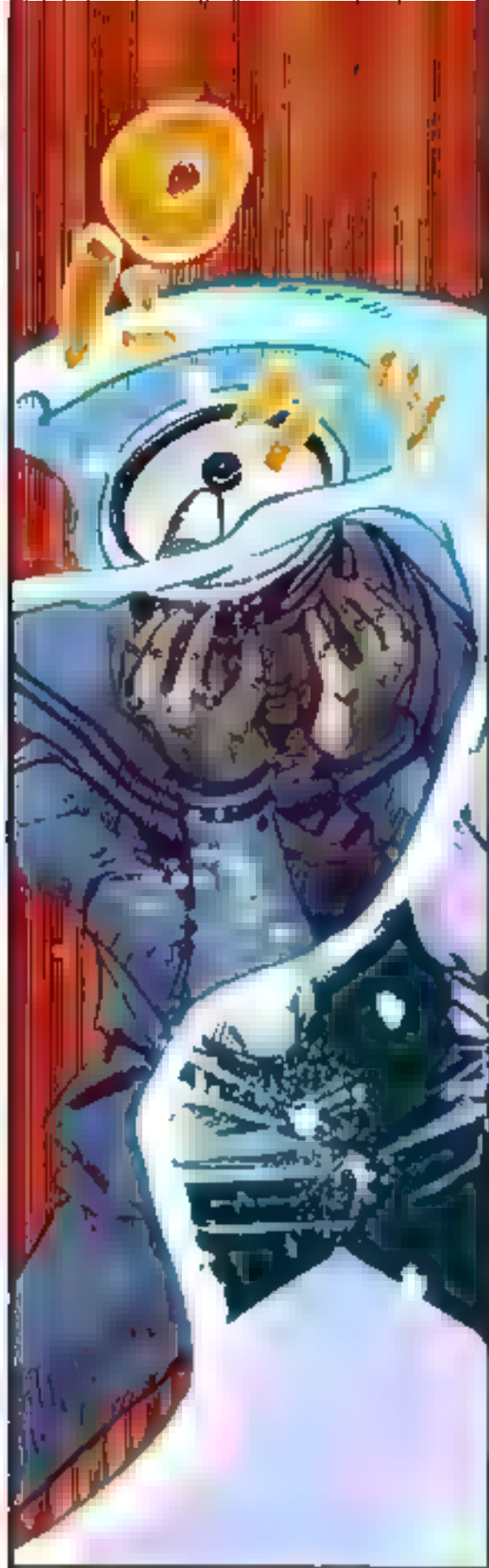




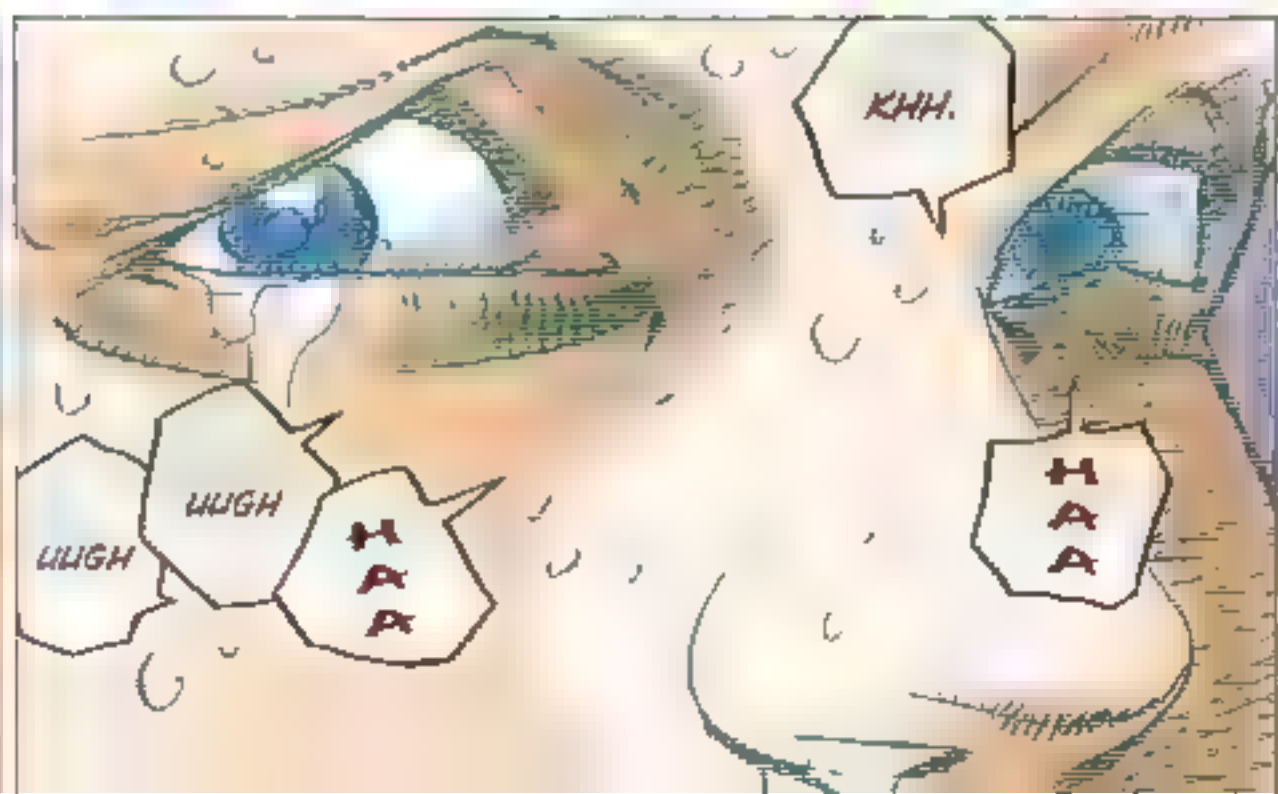




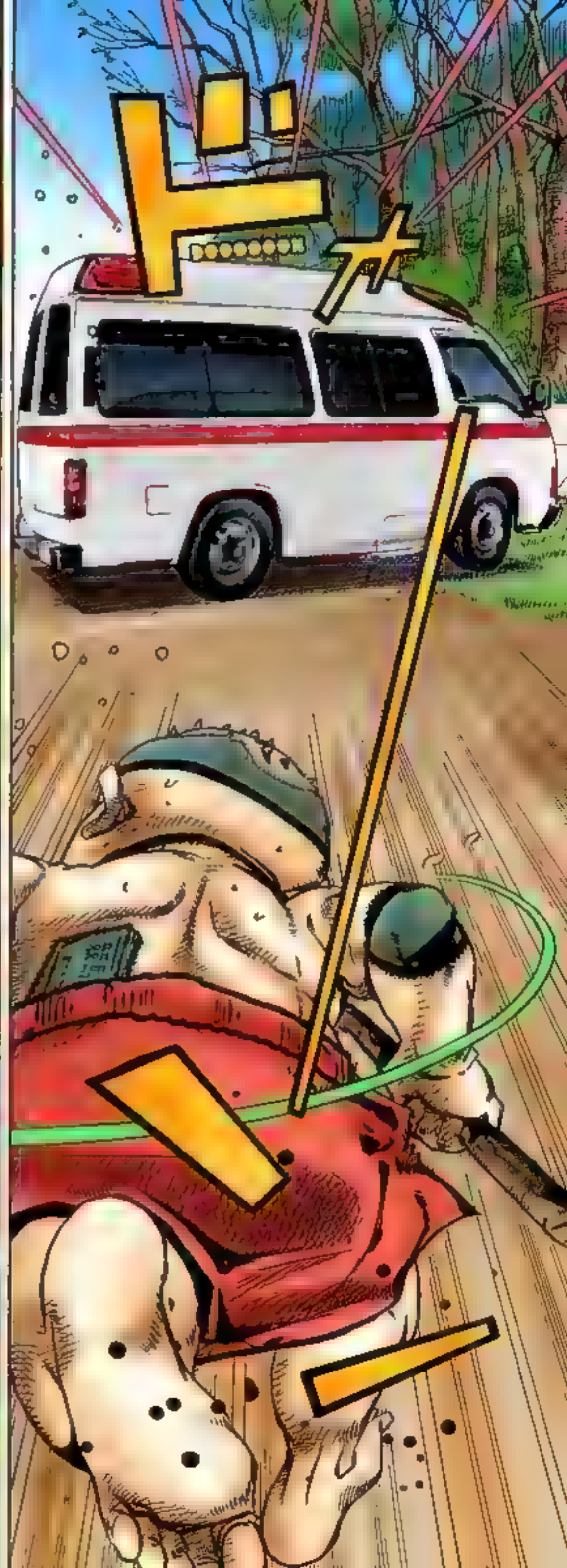




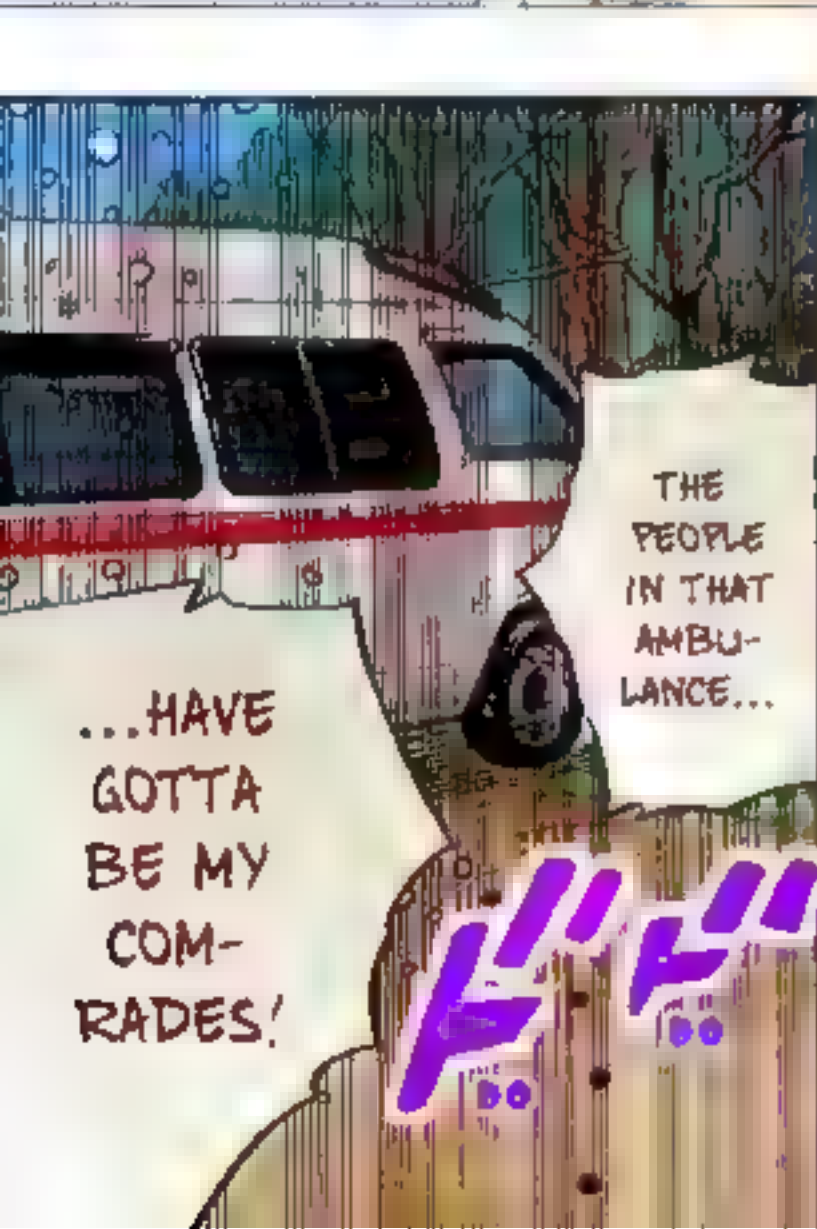
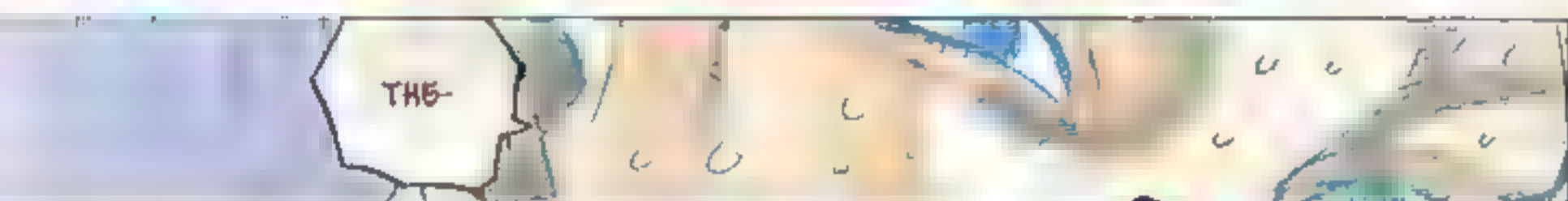
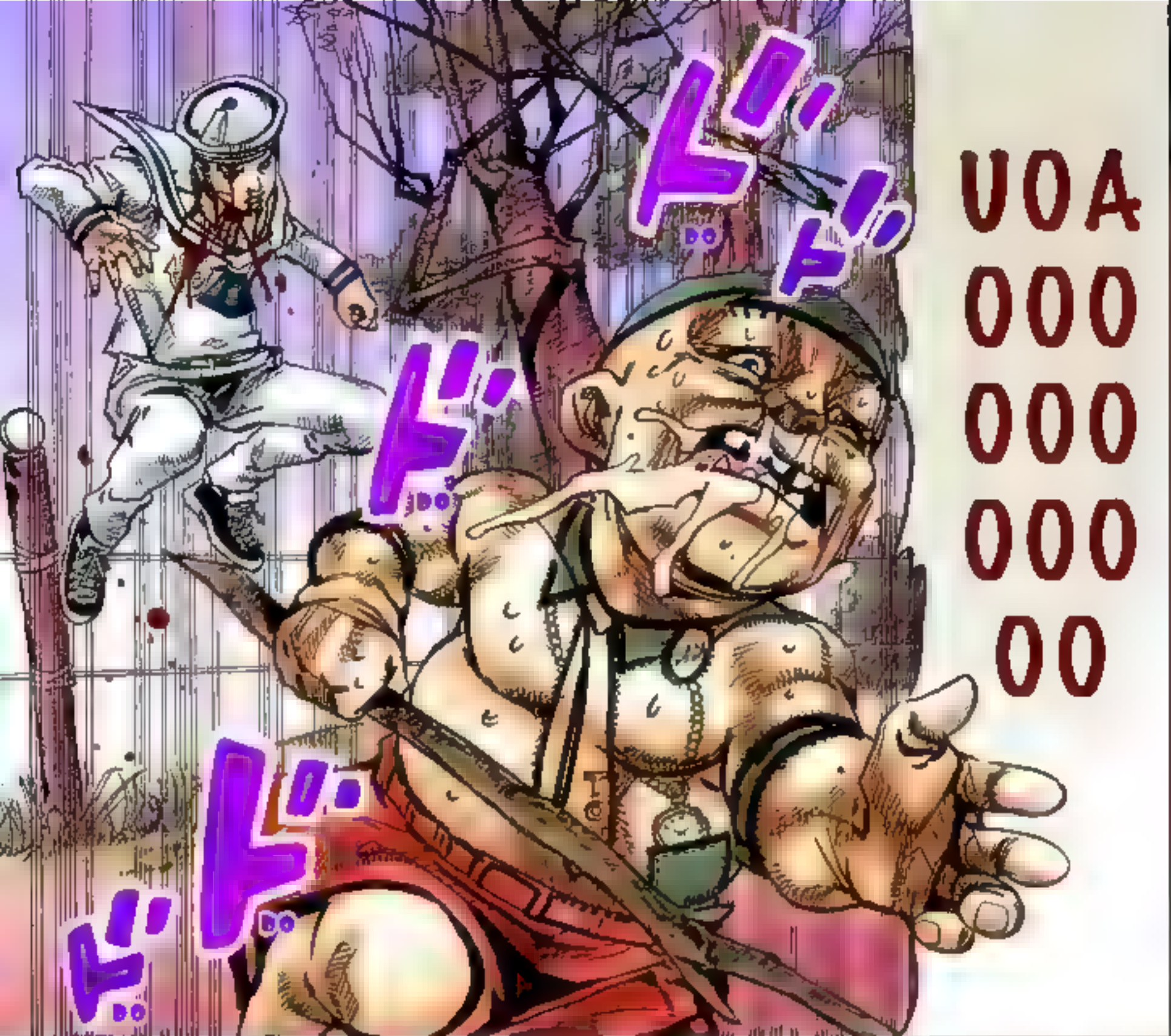




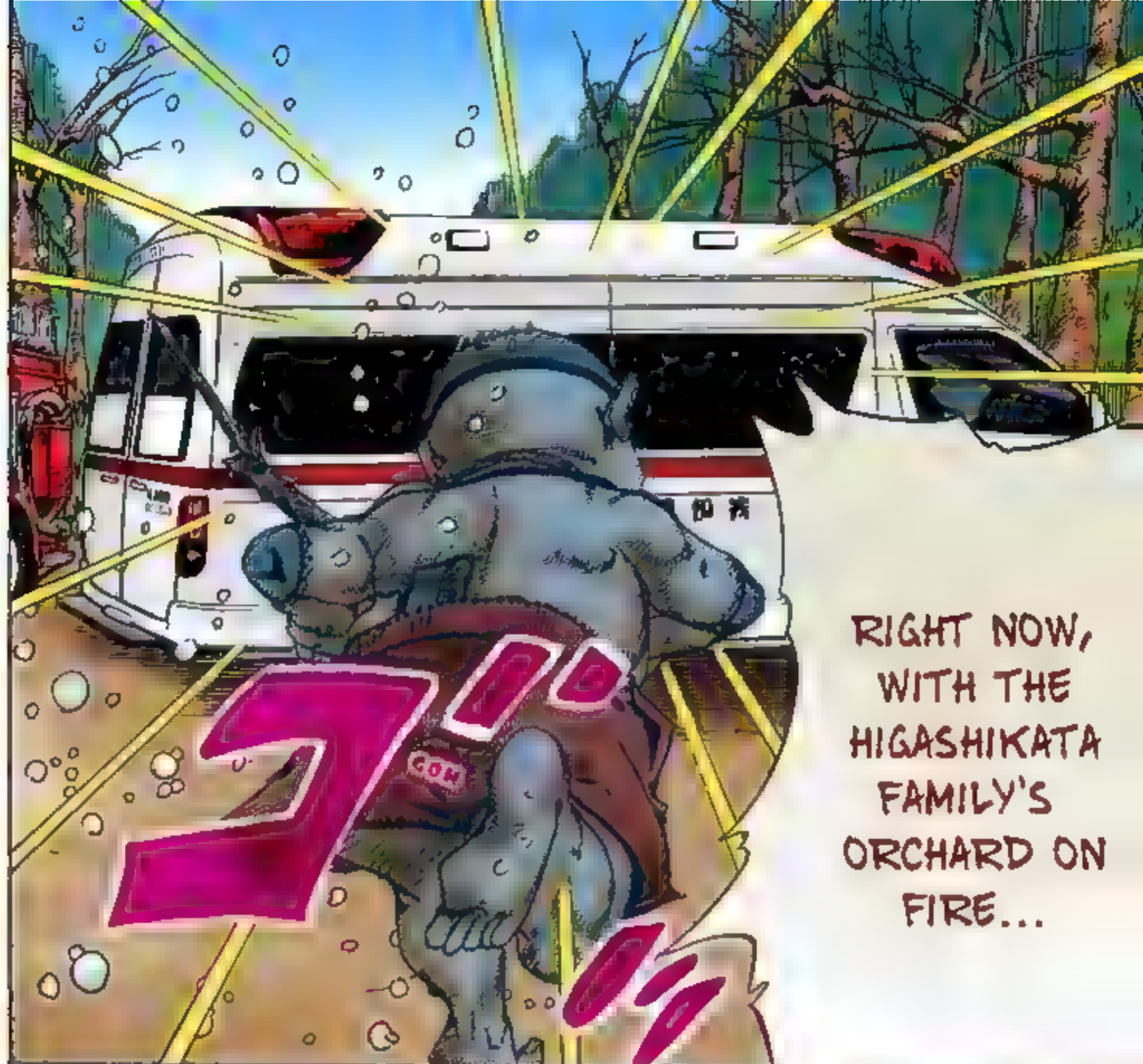




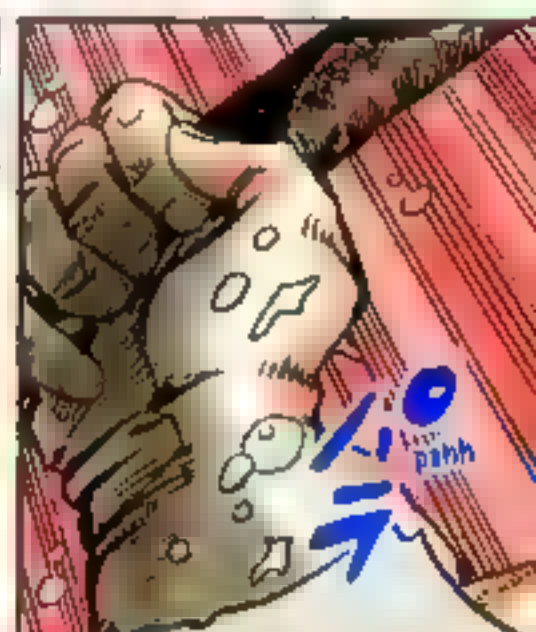






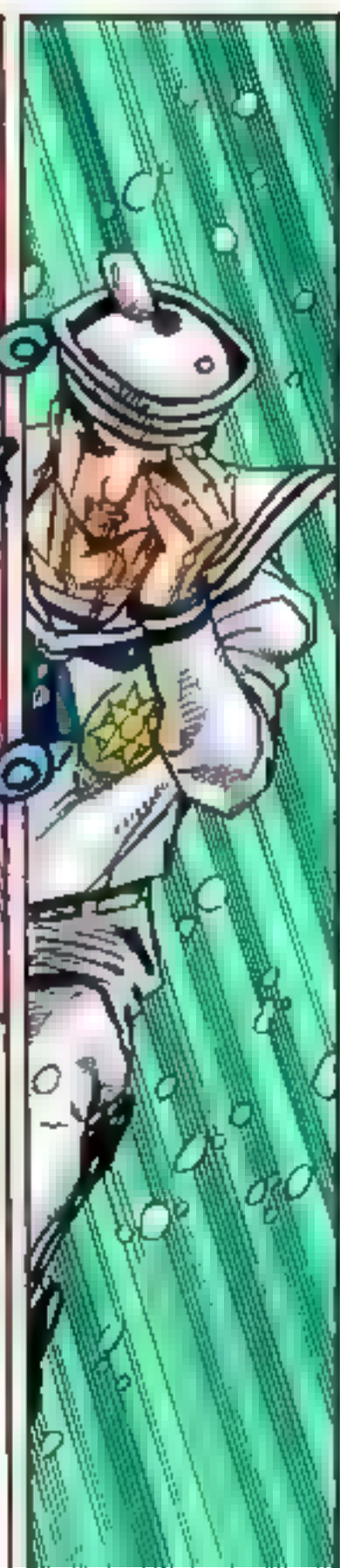
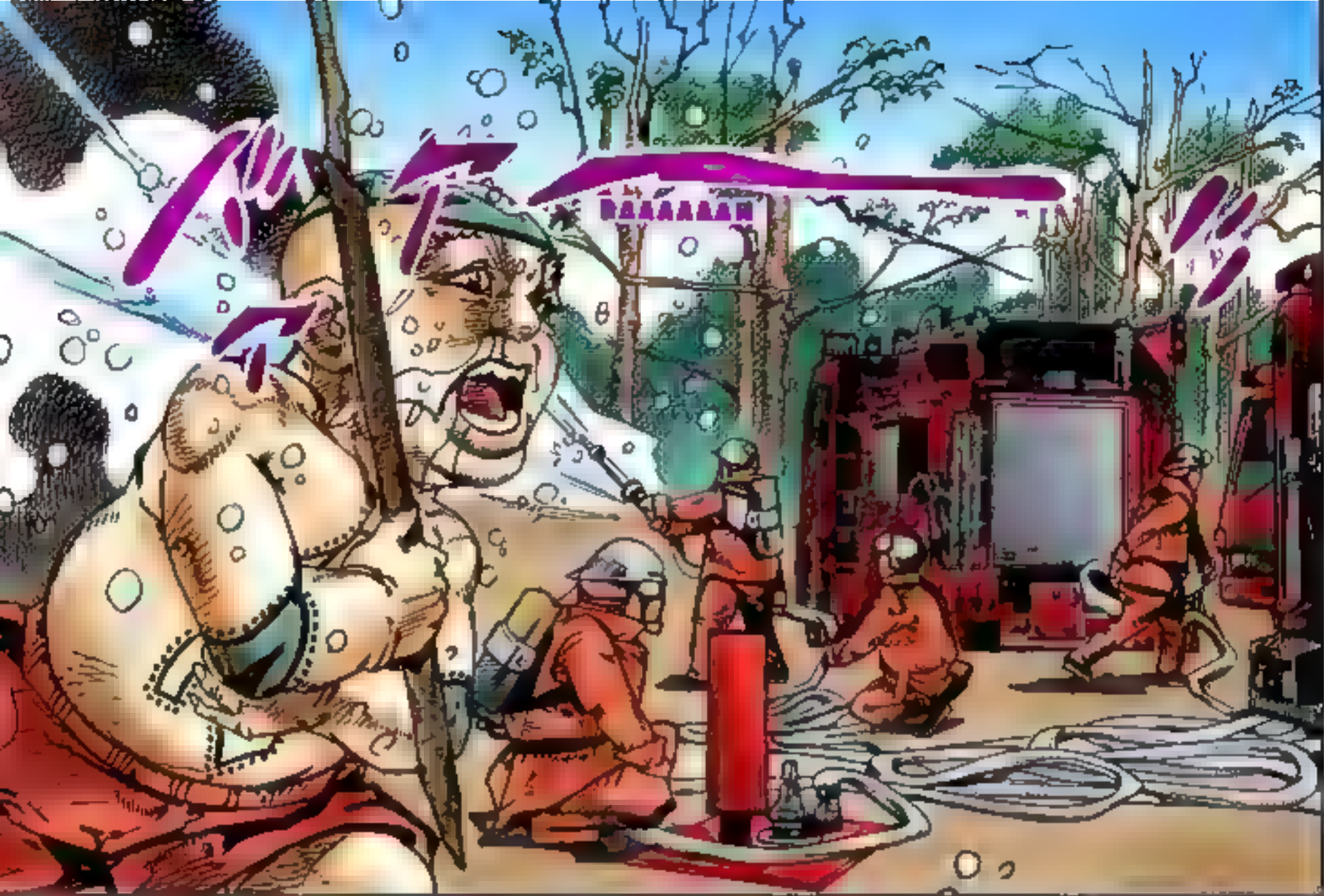


RIGHT NOW,  
WITH THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
FAMILY'S  
ORCHARD ON  
FIRE...

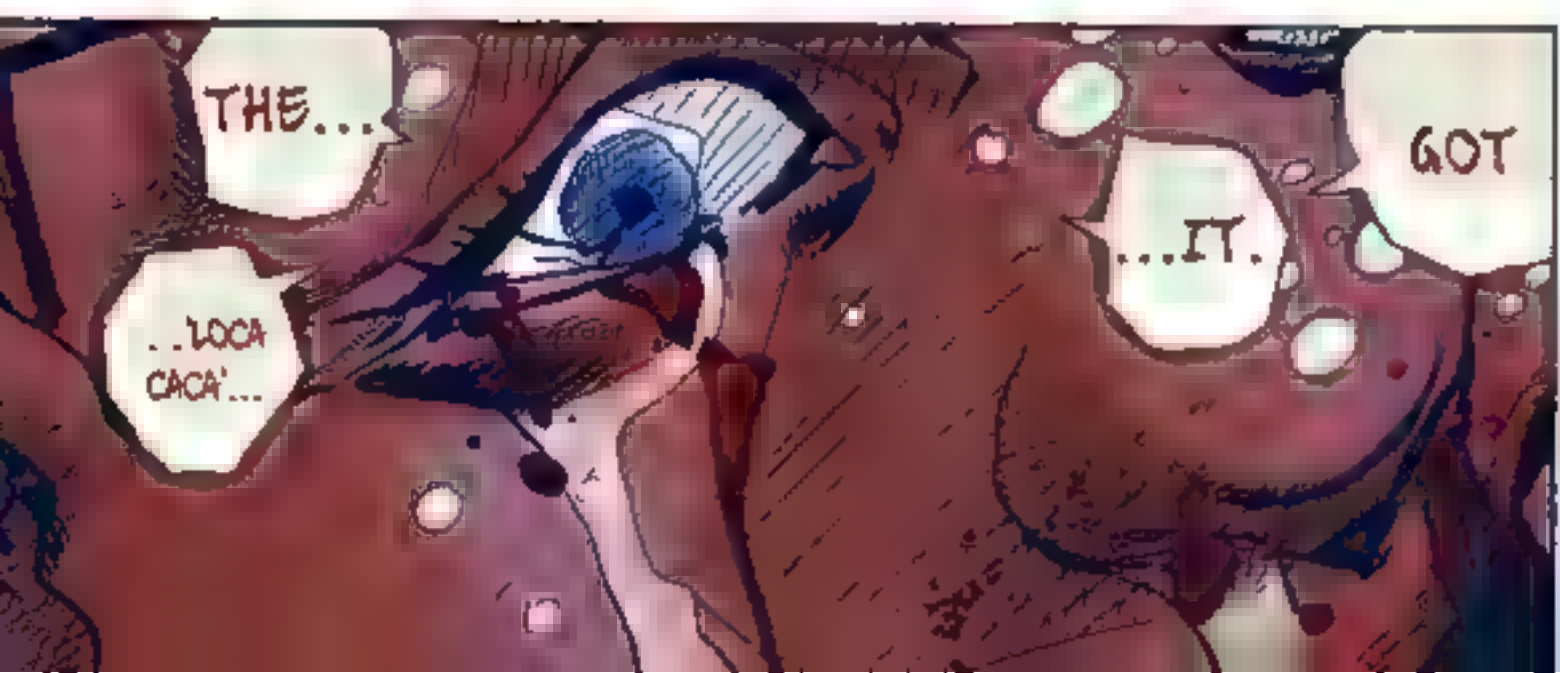
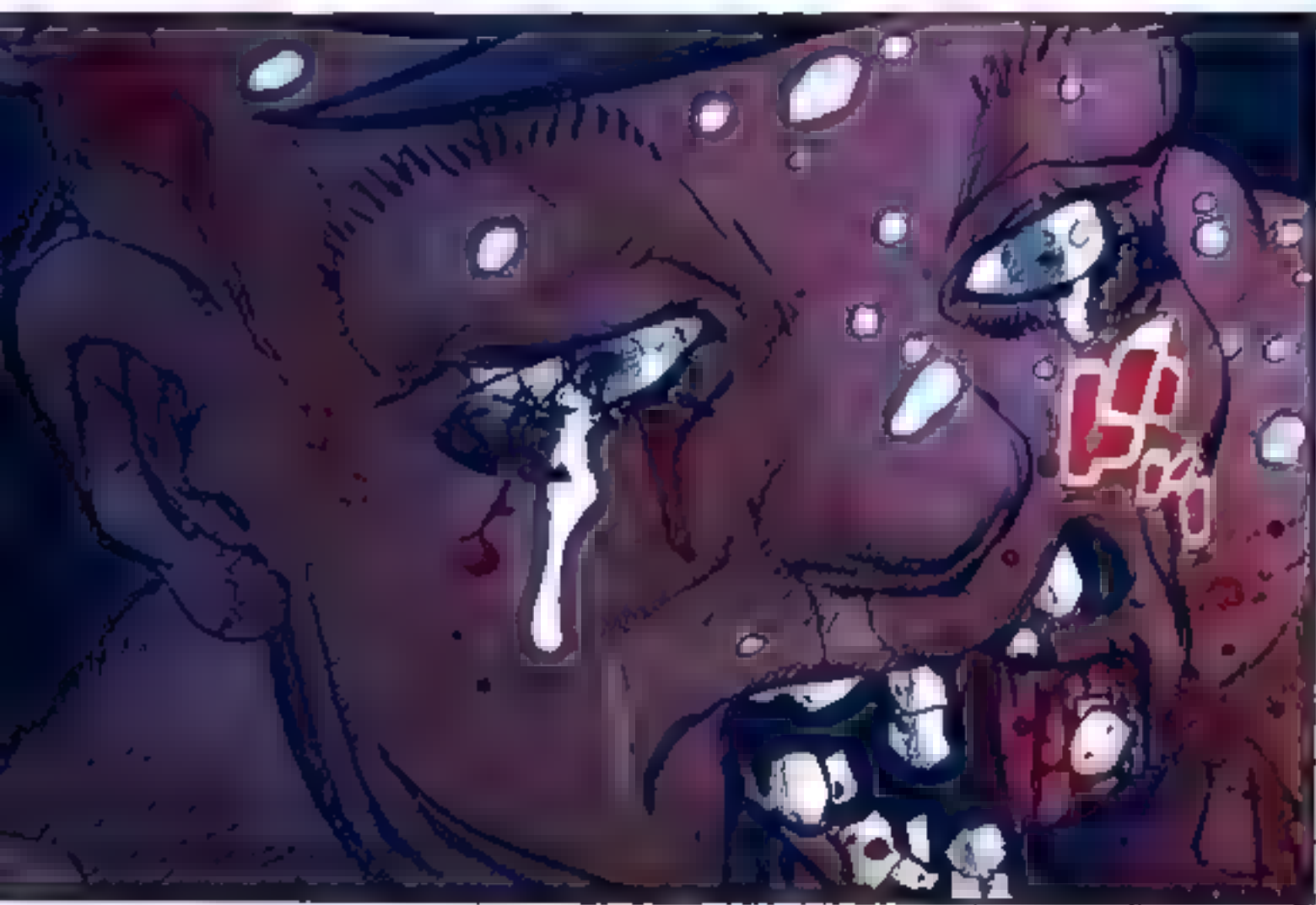


THAT  
PERSON  
SHOULD HAVE  
COME HERE  
FROM THE  
HOSPITAL  
TO GET  
ME!

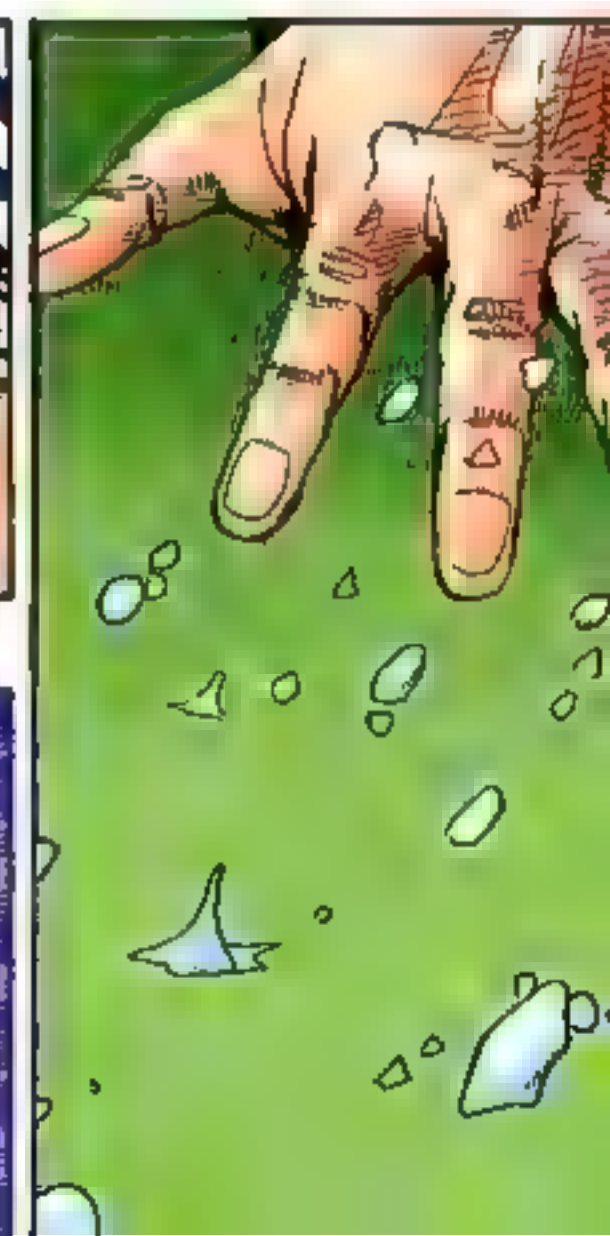
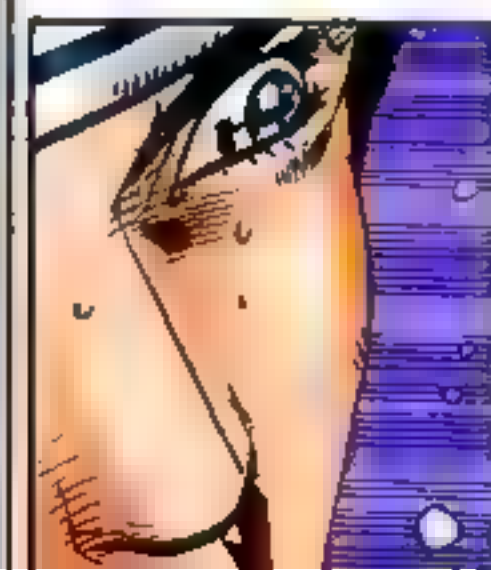
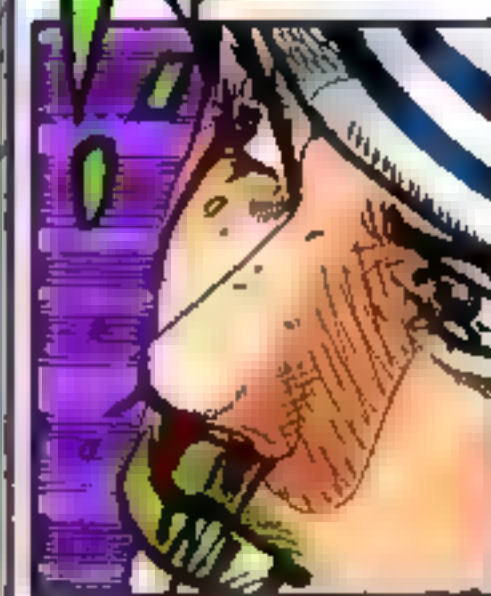
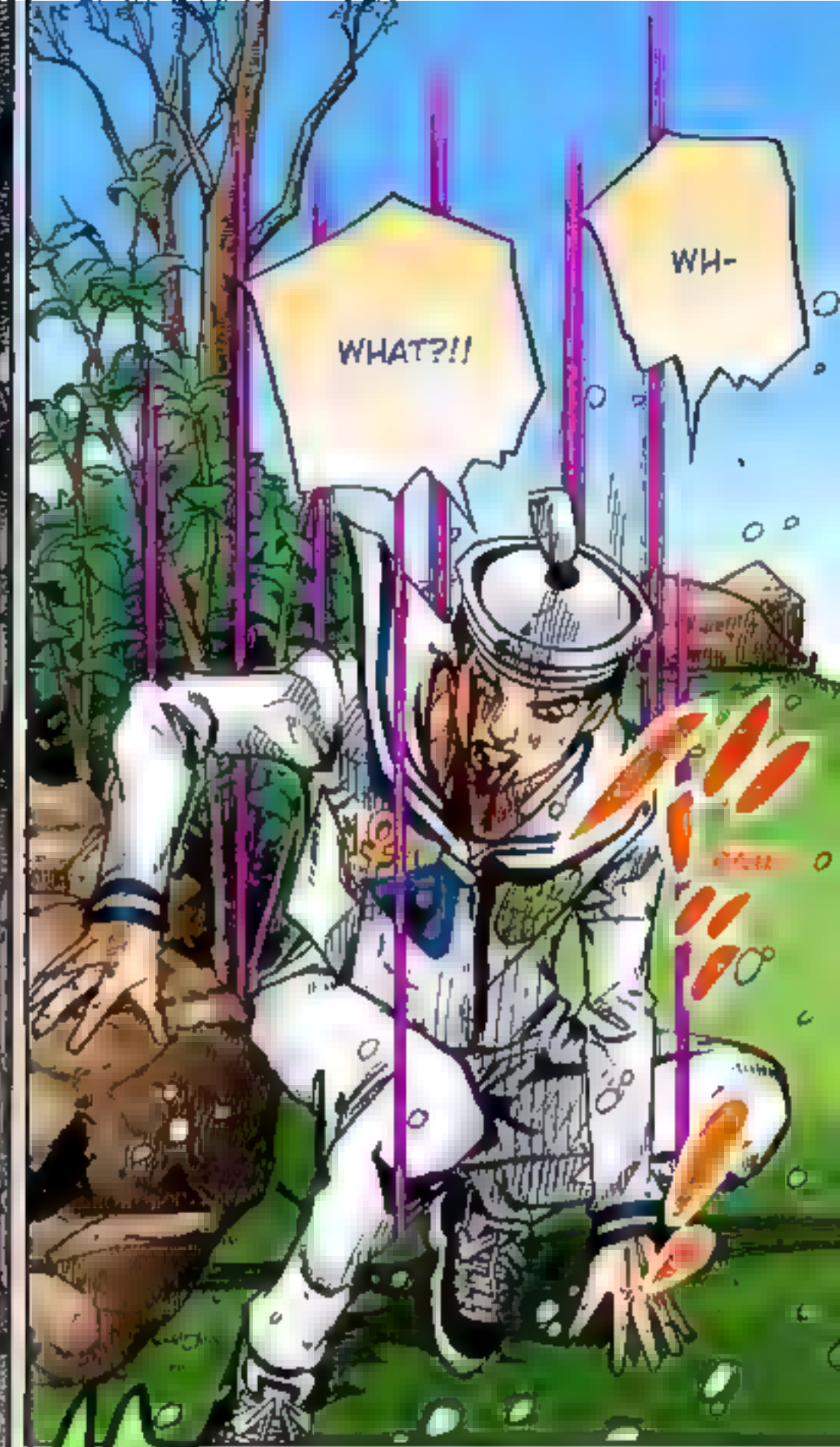




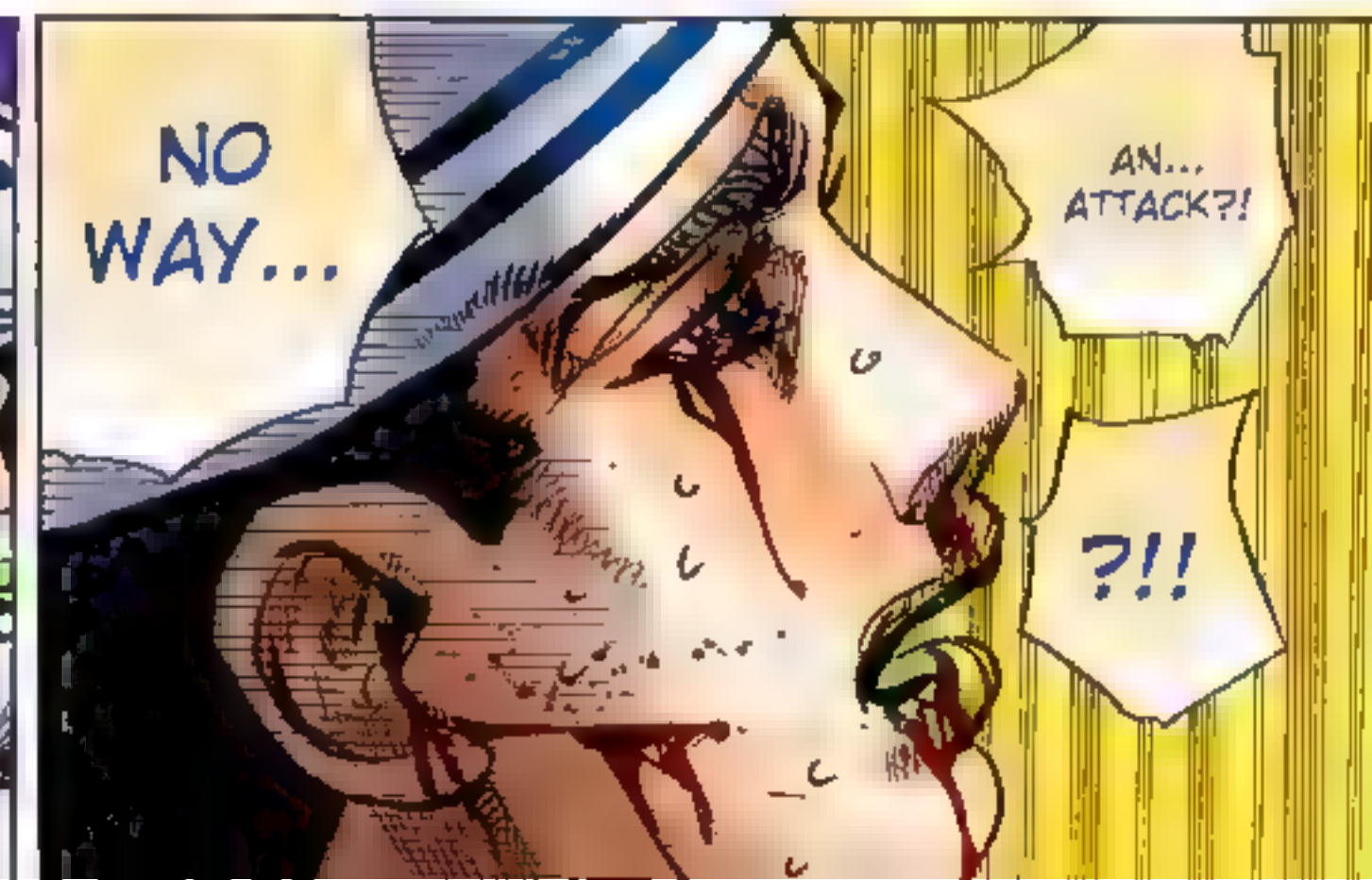
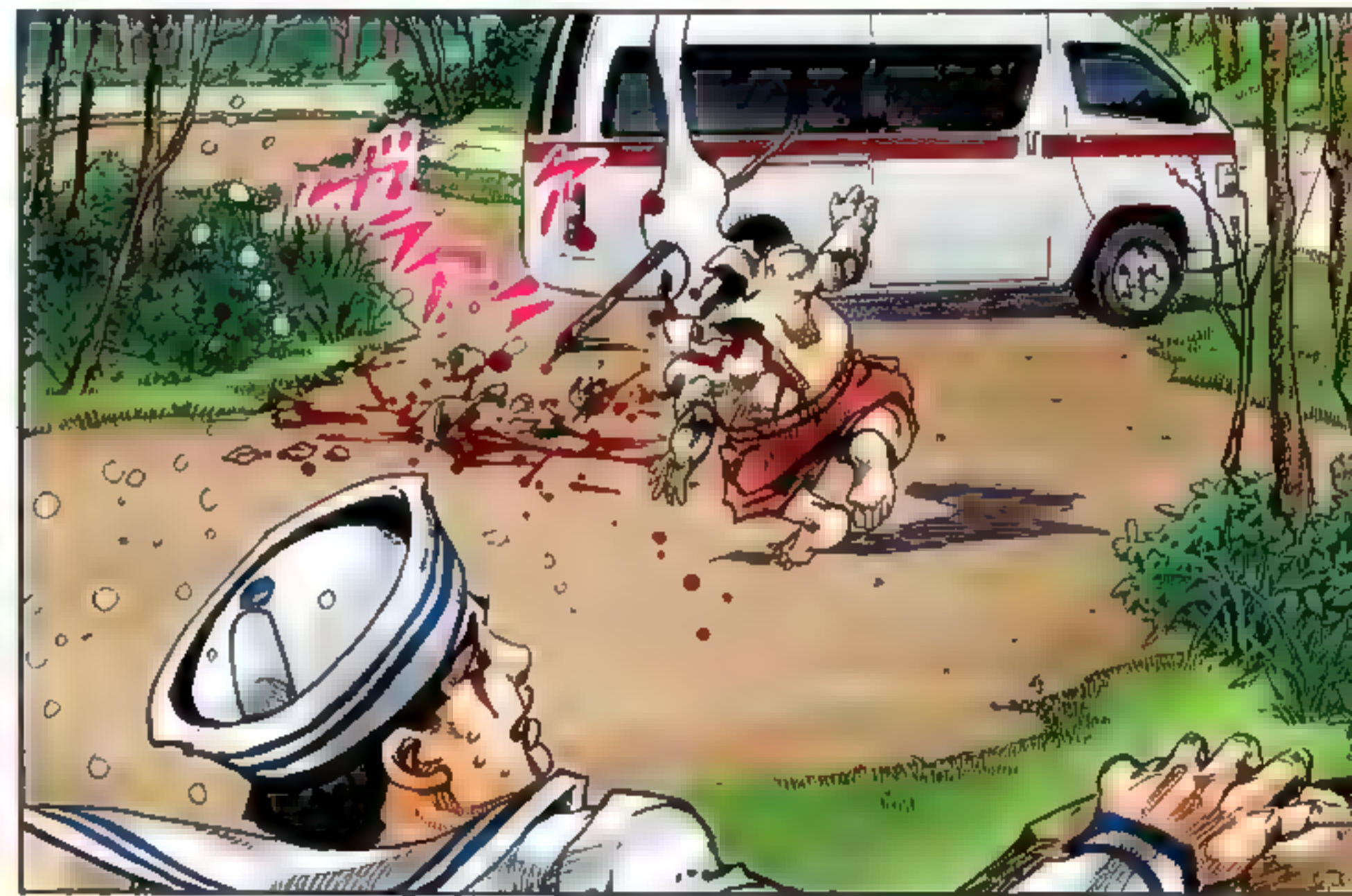
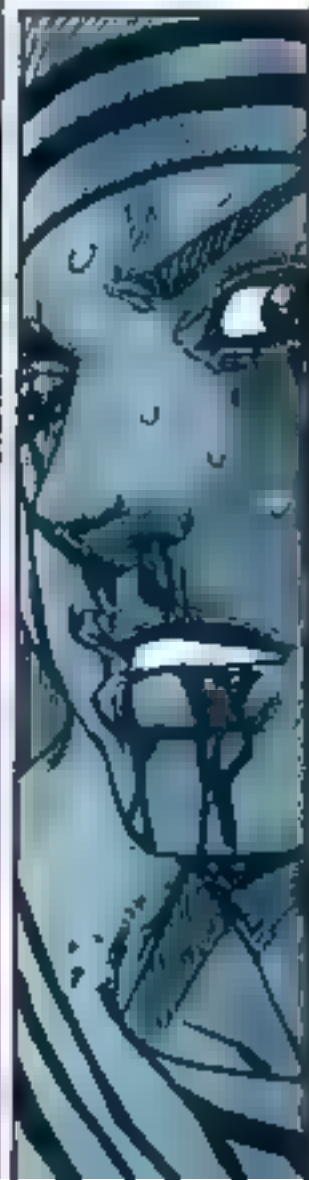
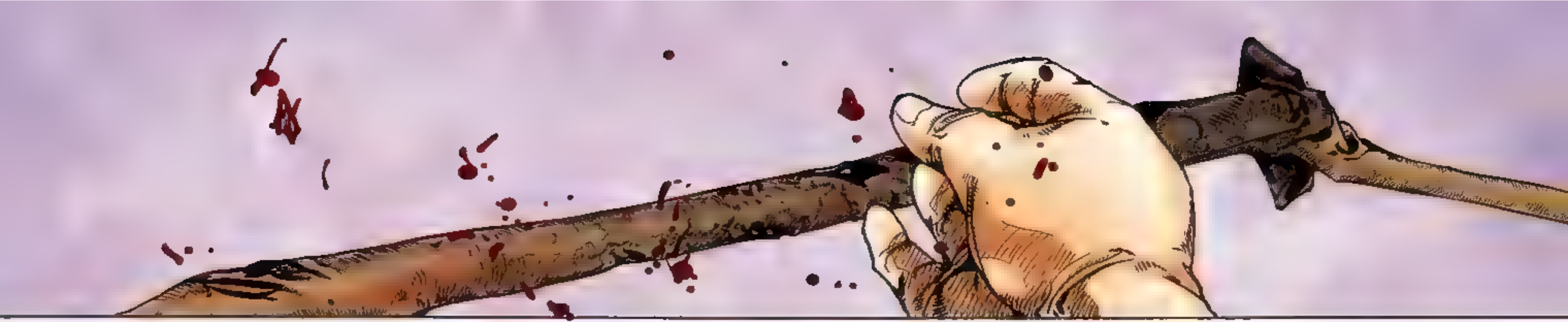




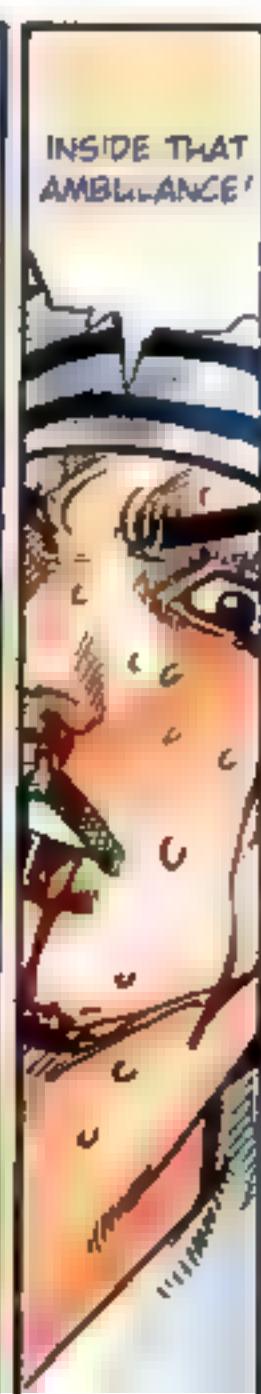
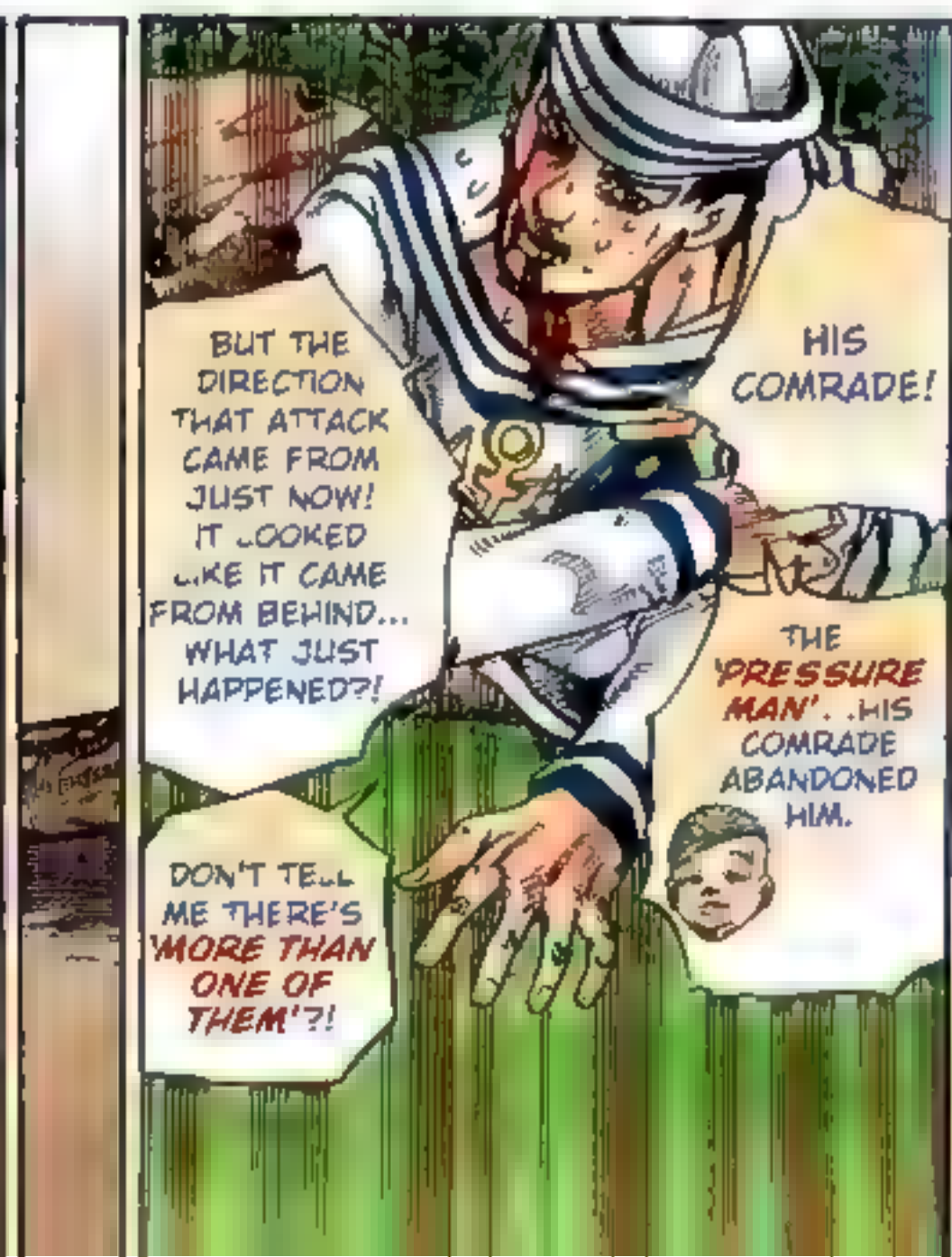




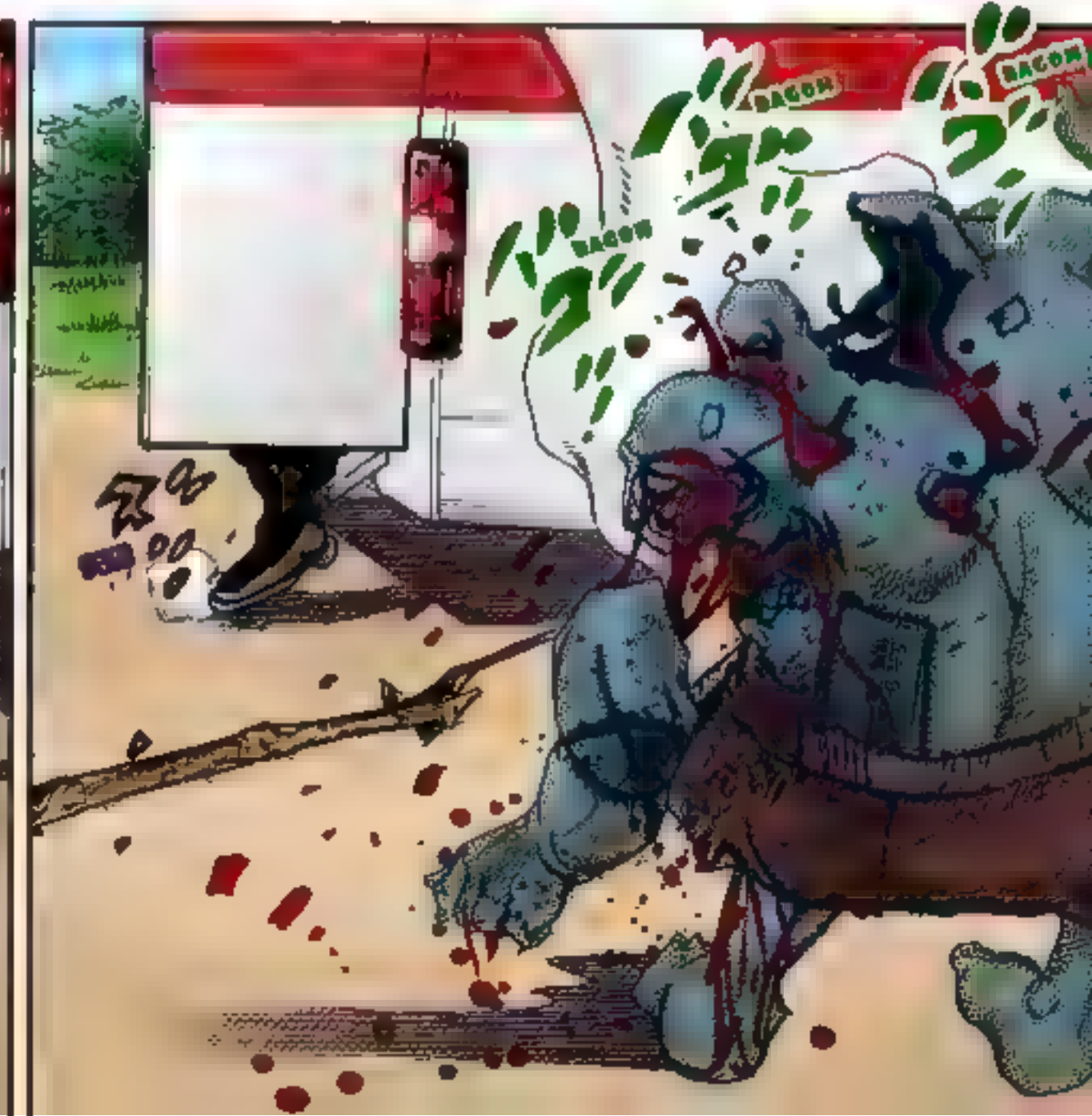








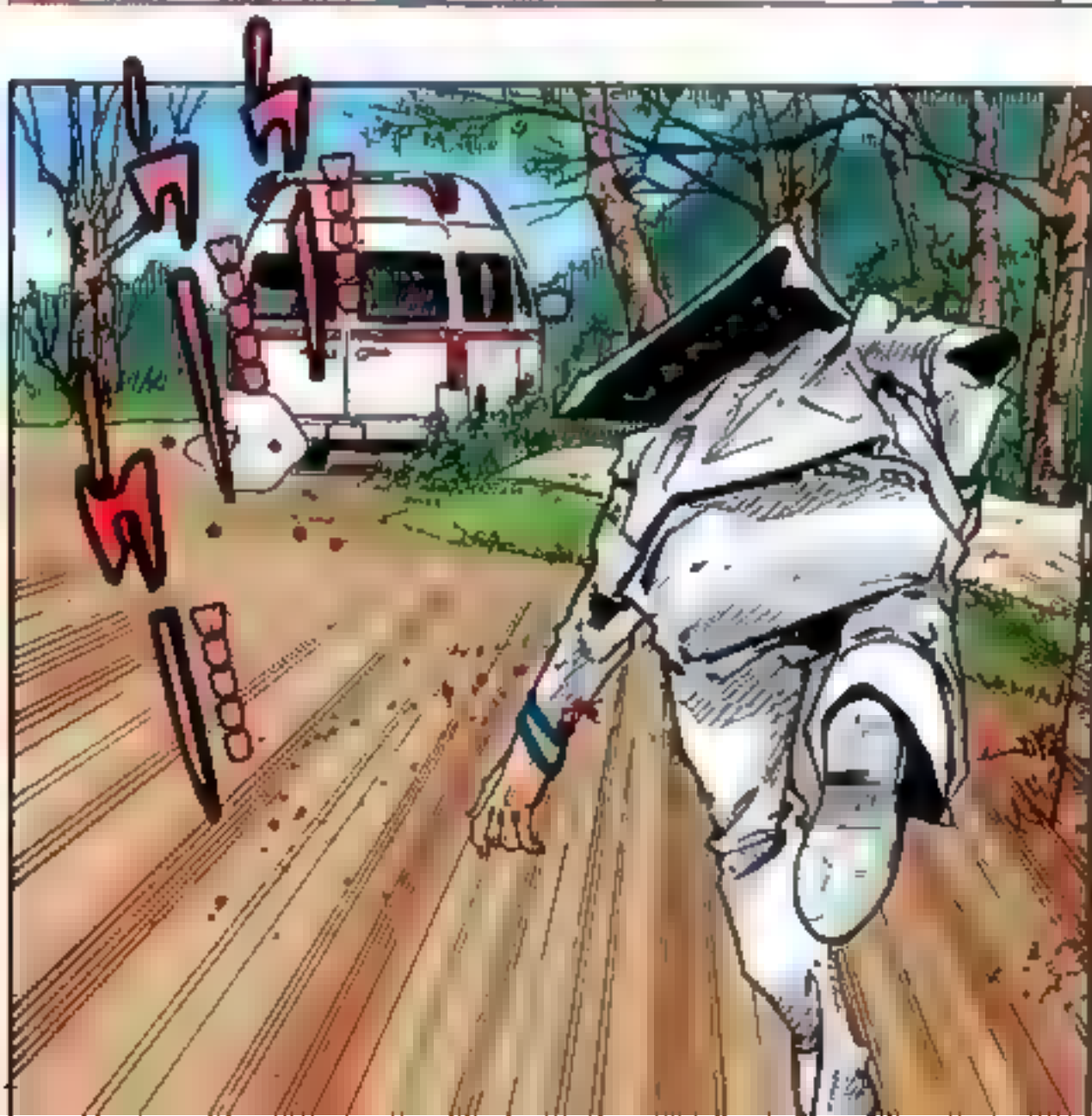
INSIDE THAT AMBULANCE!



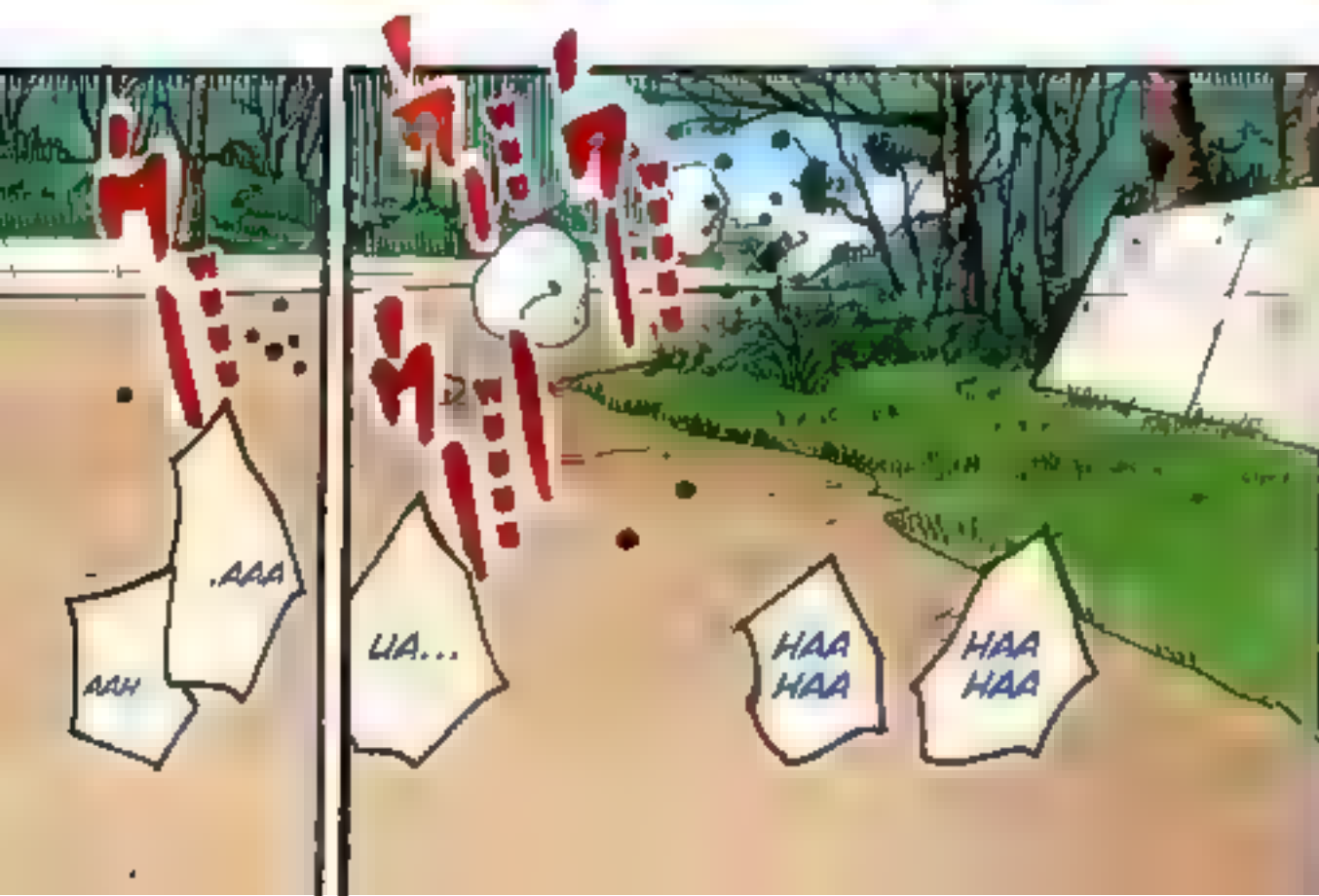
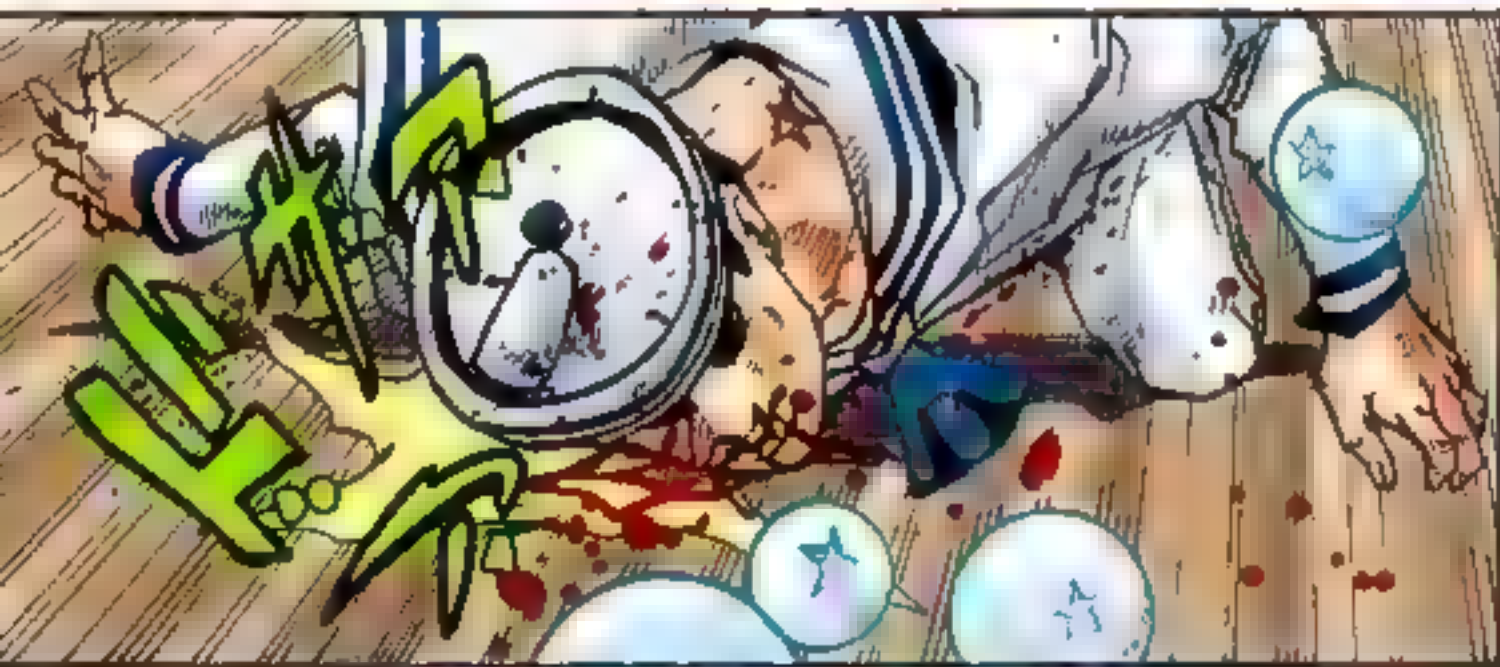
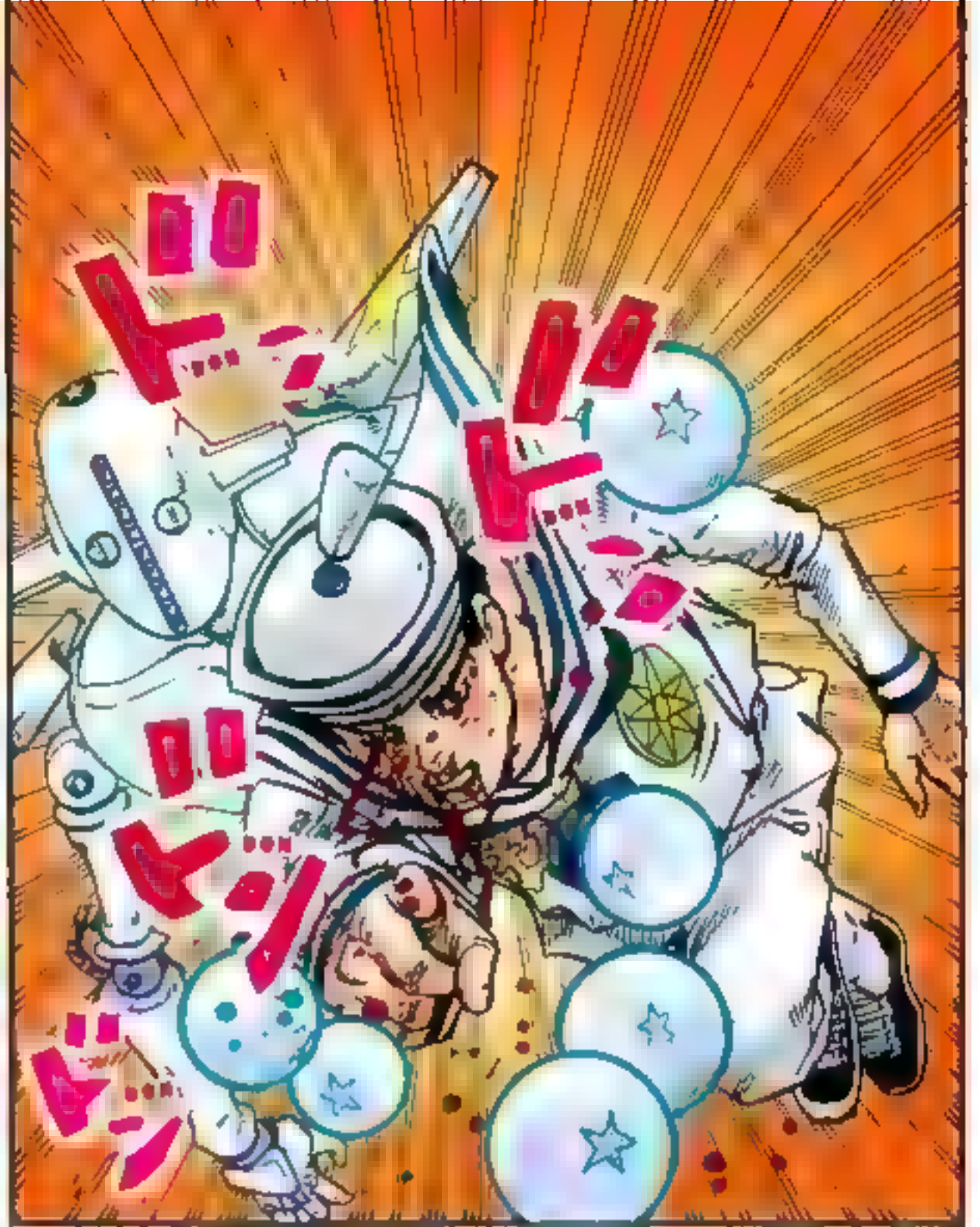




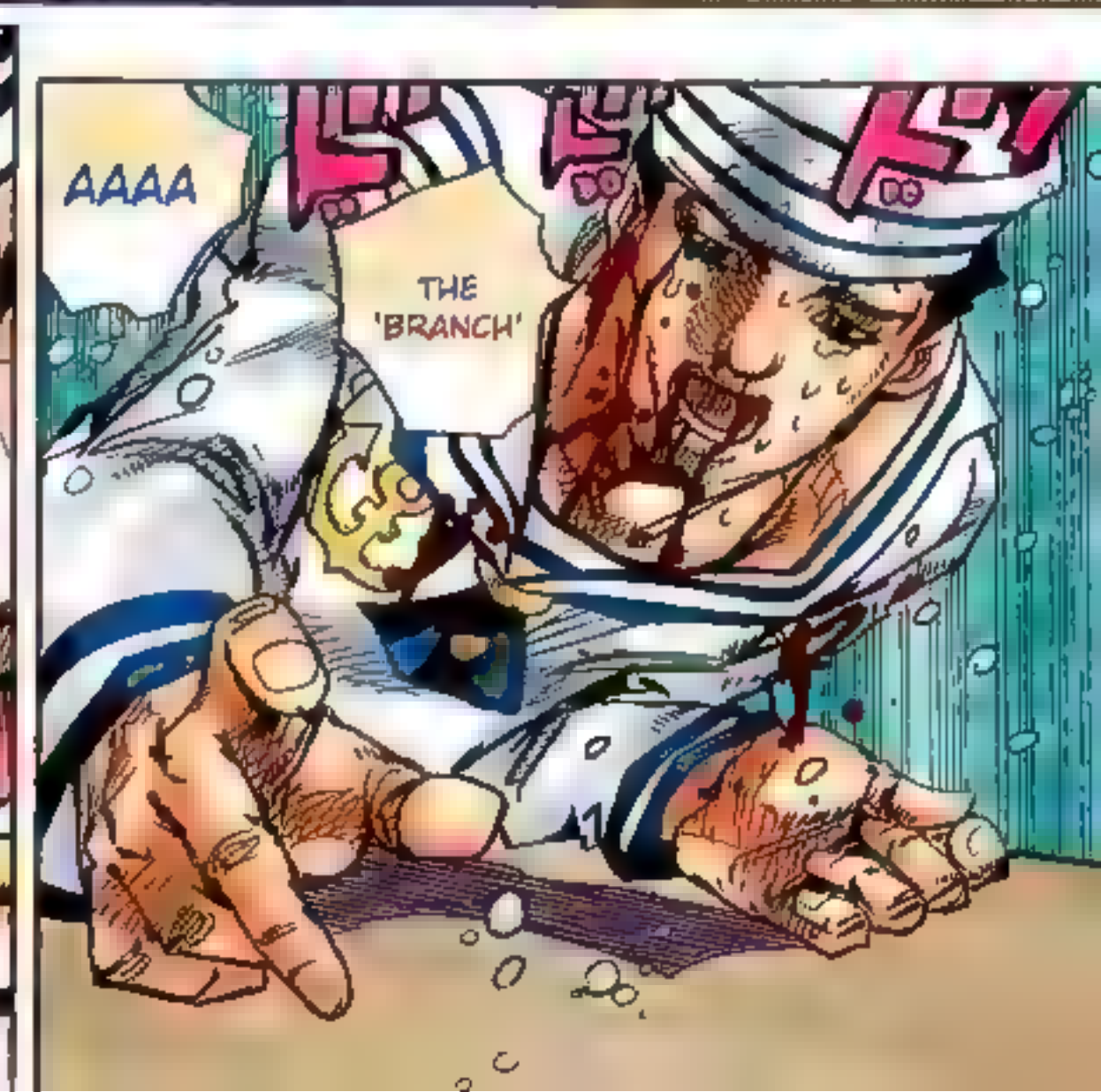
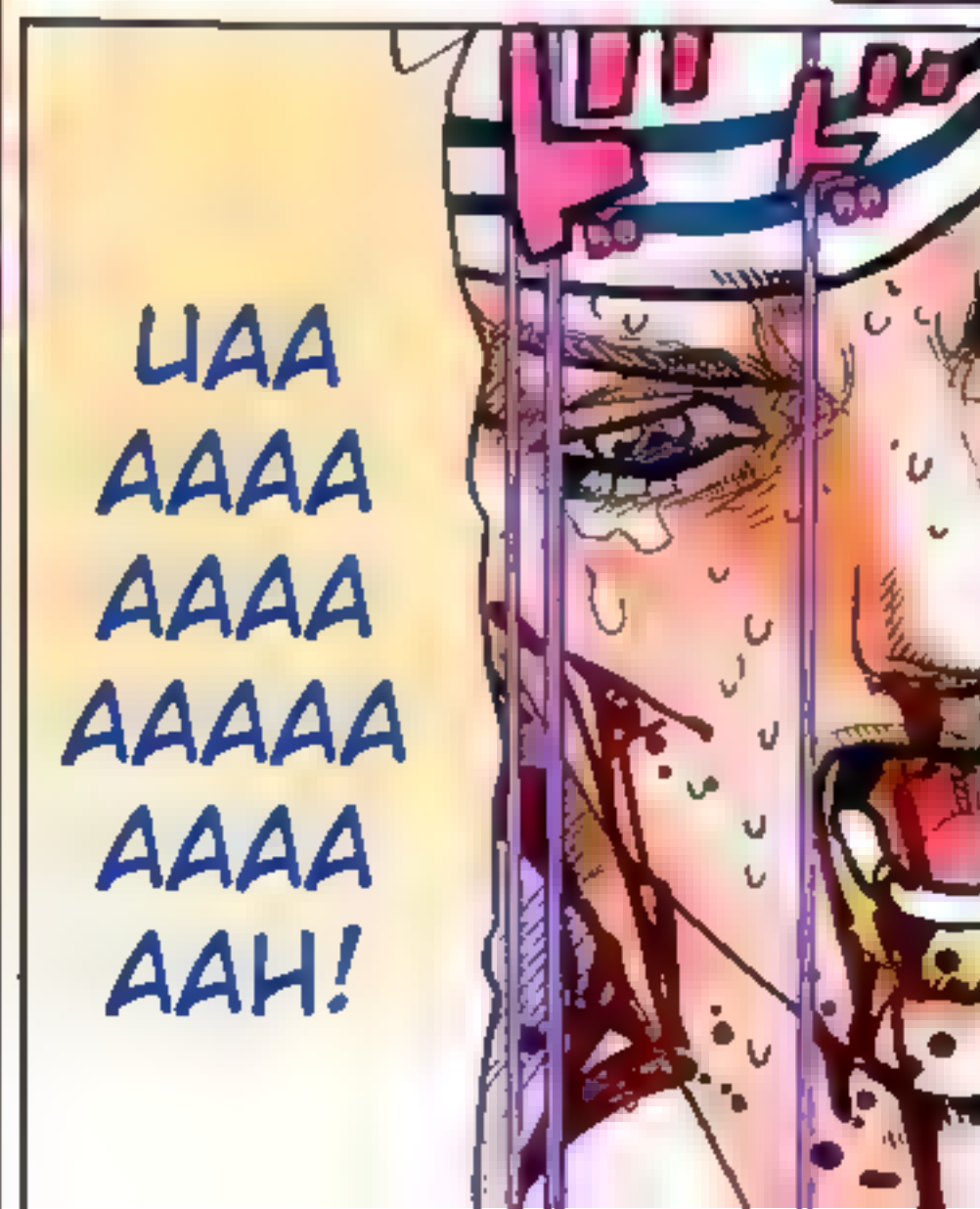
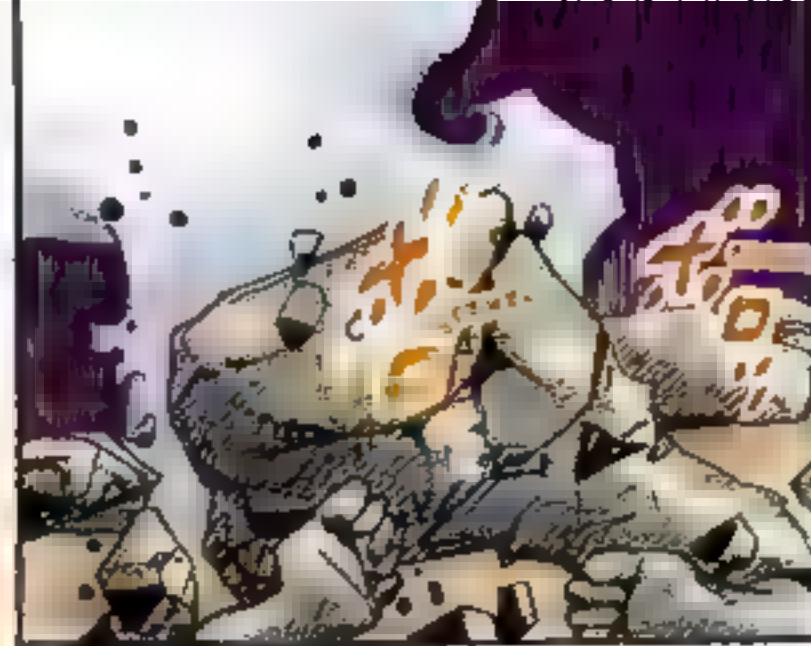
THEIR  
ONLY GOAL  
WAS THE  
'BRANCH'!



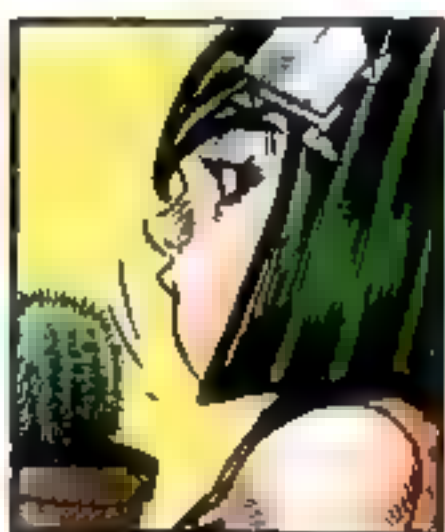
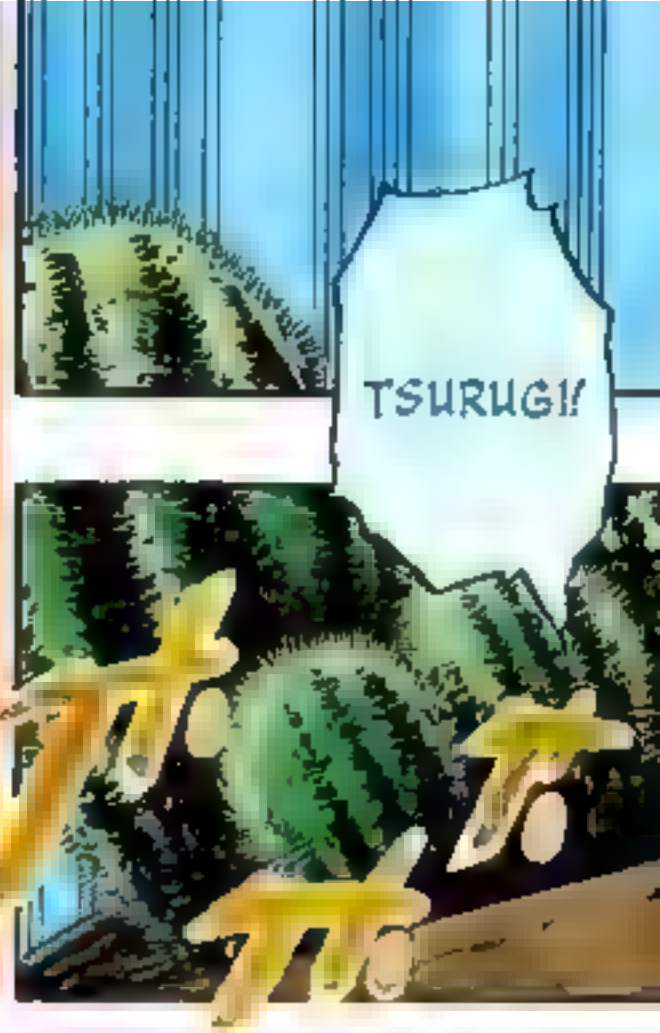
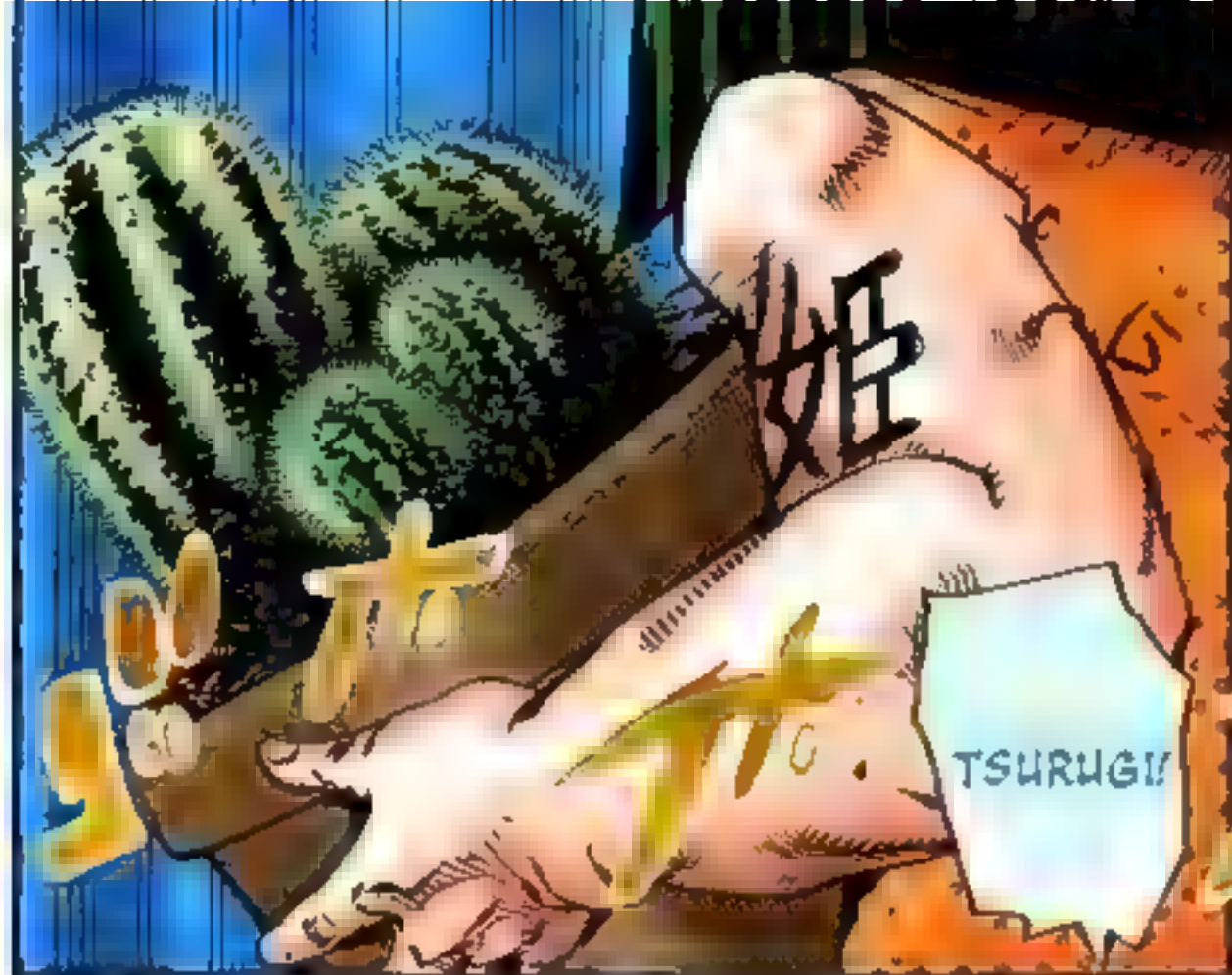




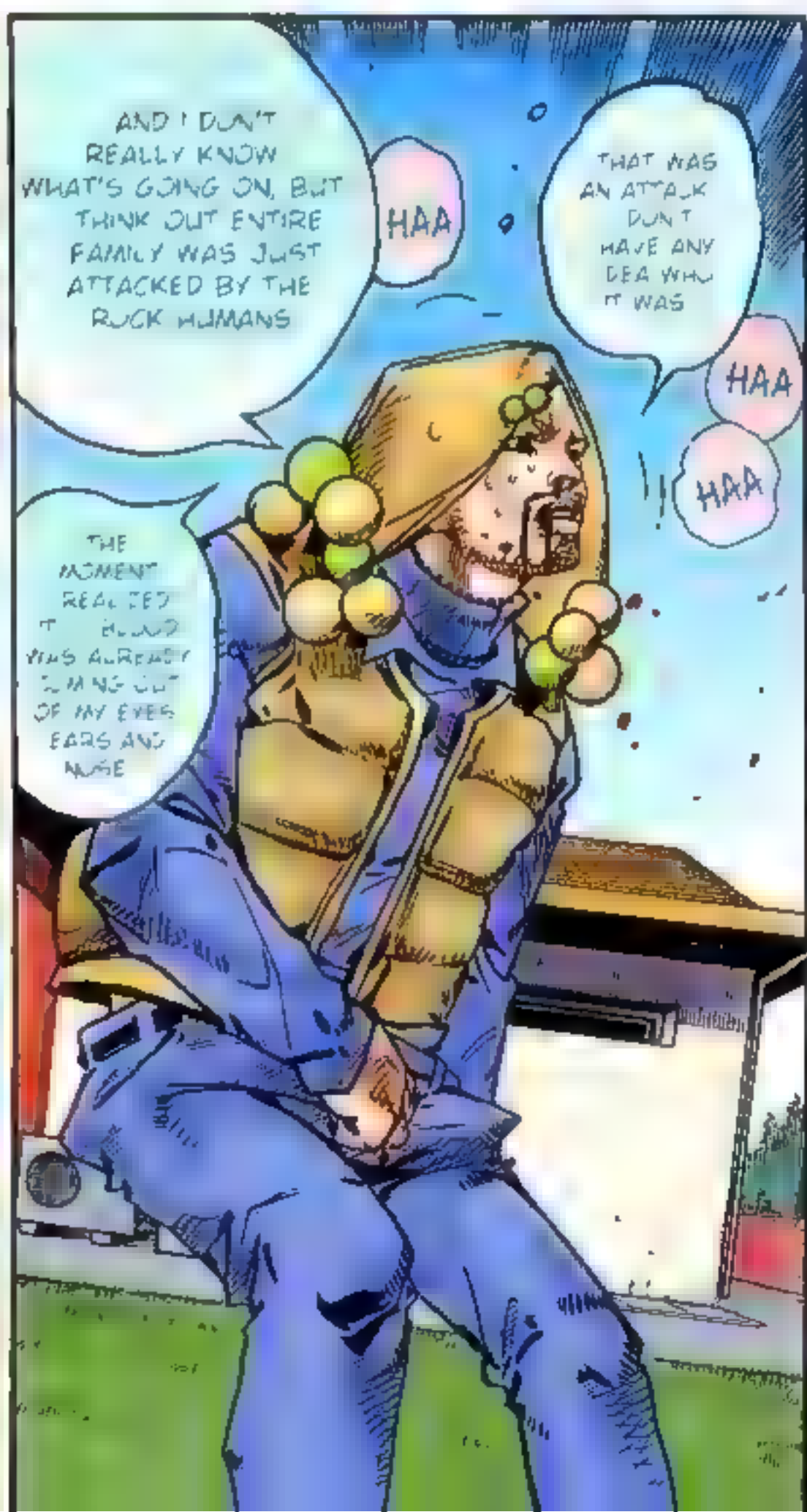
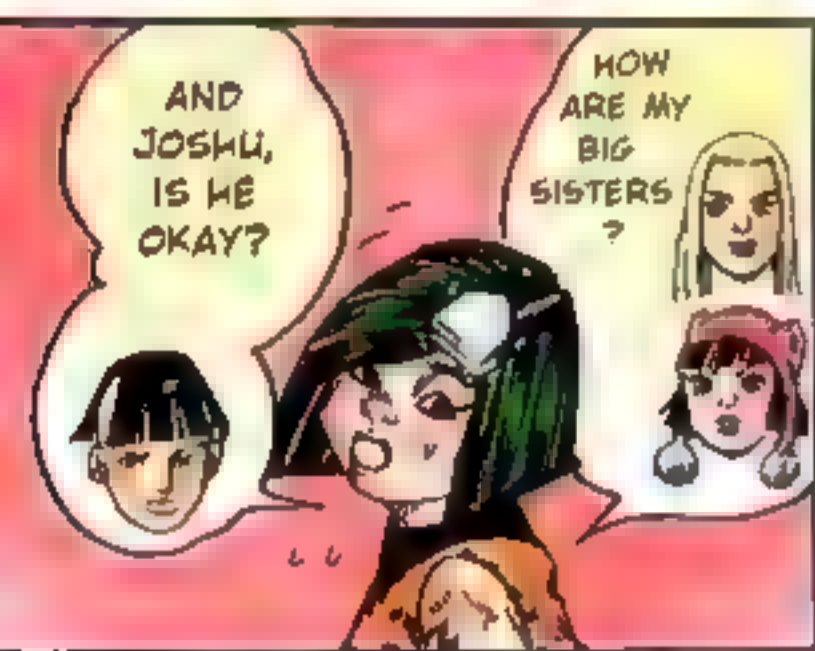
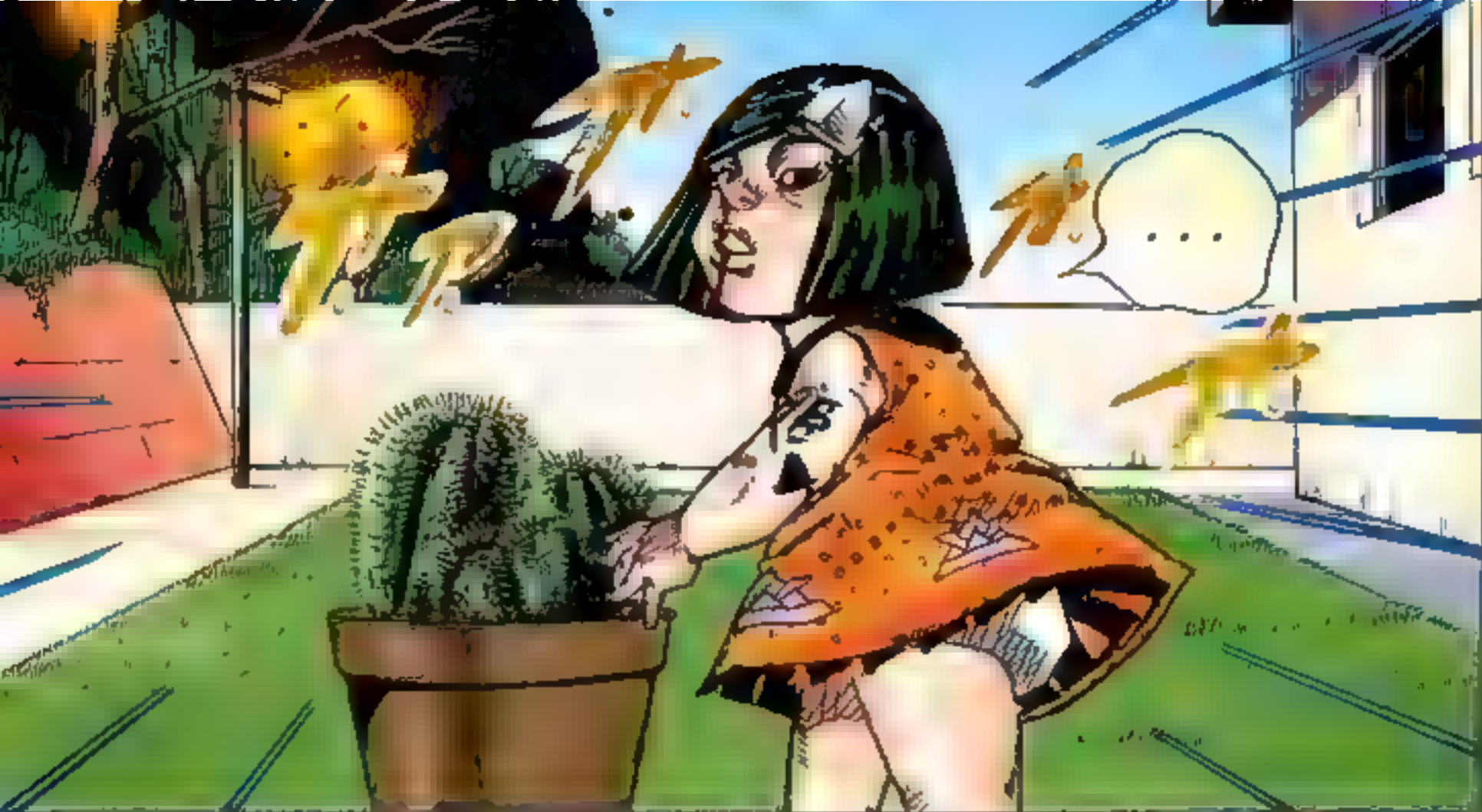




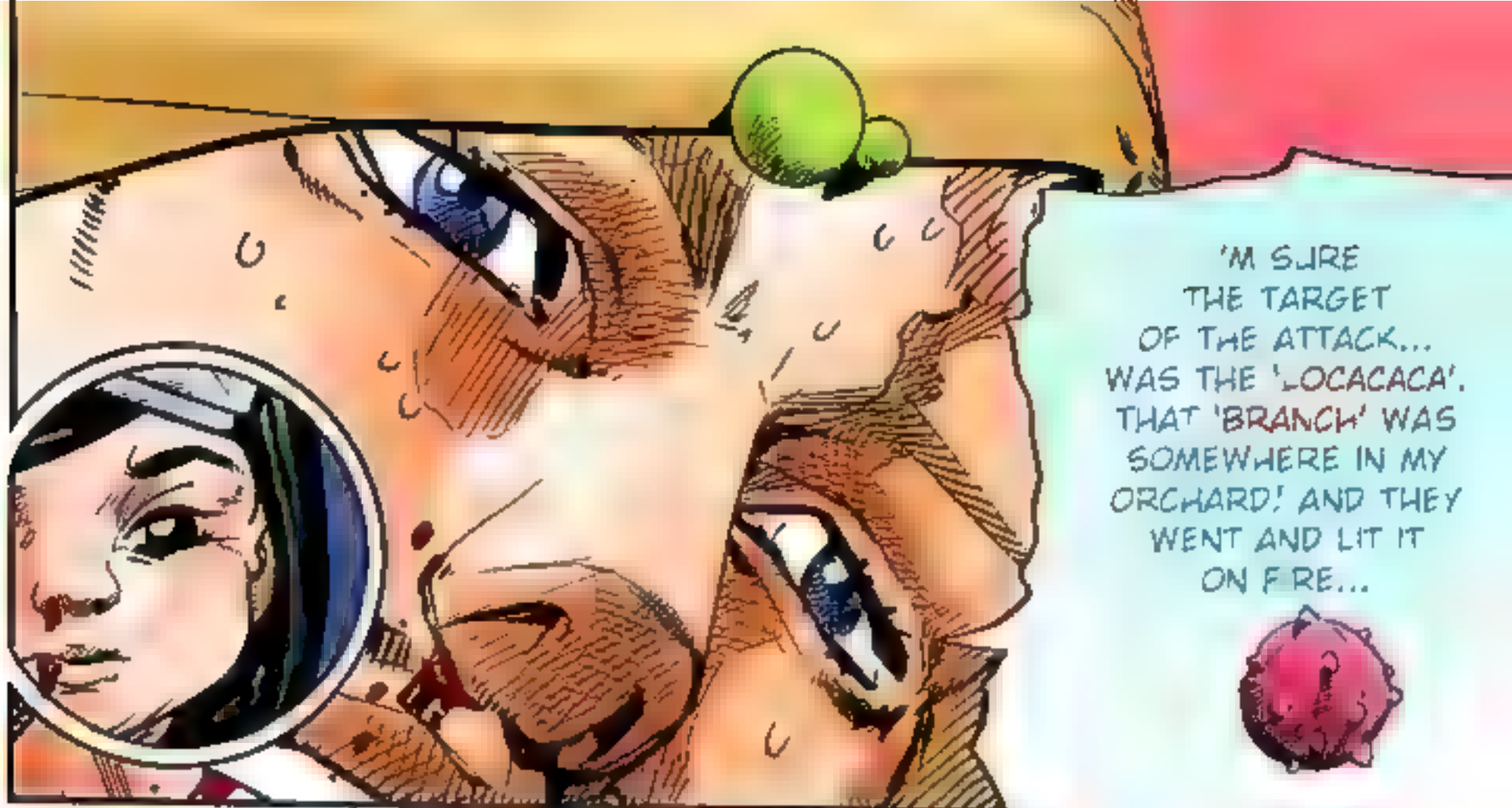




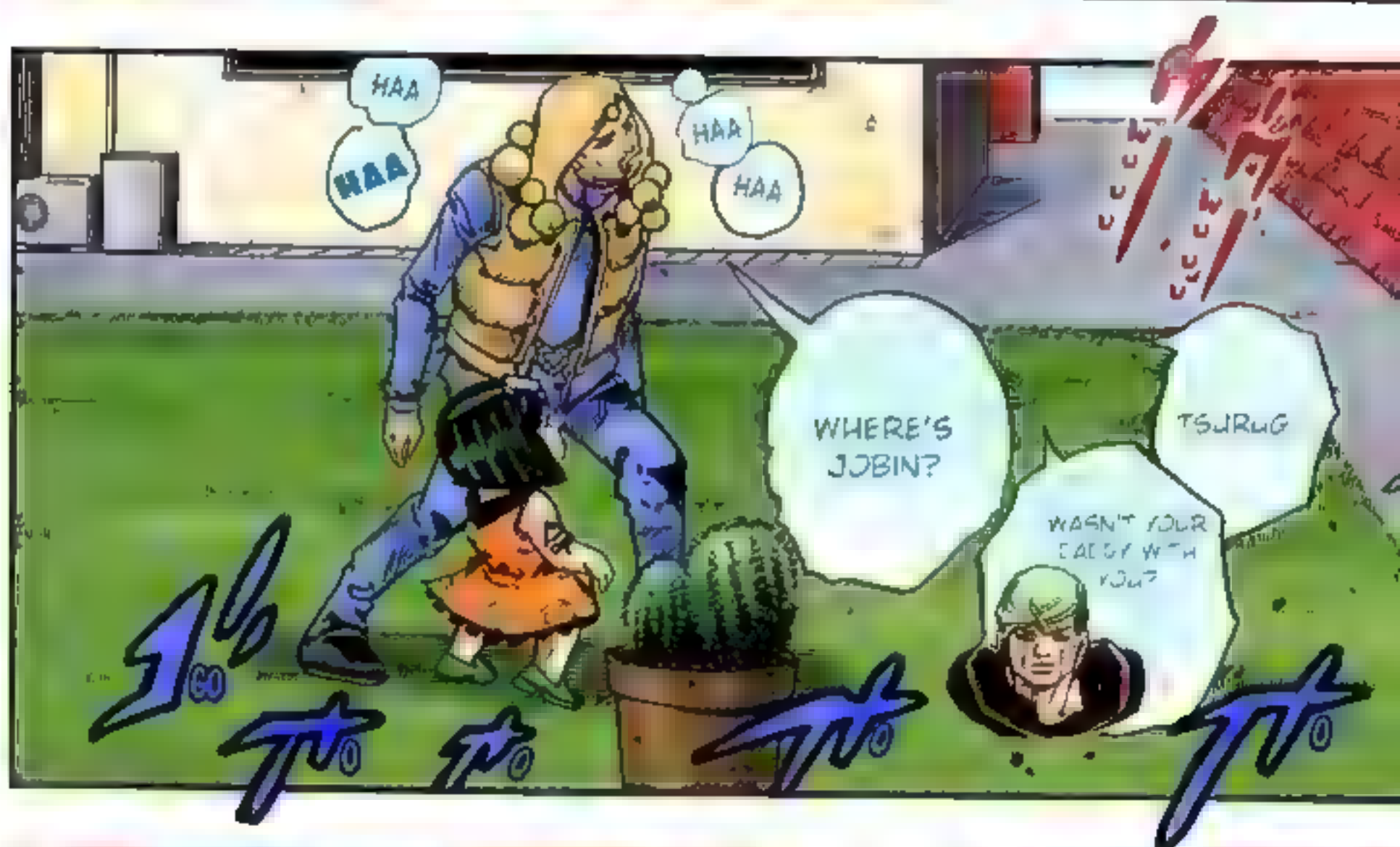








I'M SURE  
THE TARGET  
OF THE ATTACK...  
WAS THE 'LOCACACA'.  
THAT 'BRANCH' WAS  
SOMEWHERE IN MY  
ORCHARD! AND THEY  
WENT AND LIT IT  
ON FIRE...



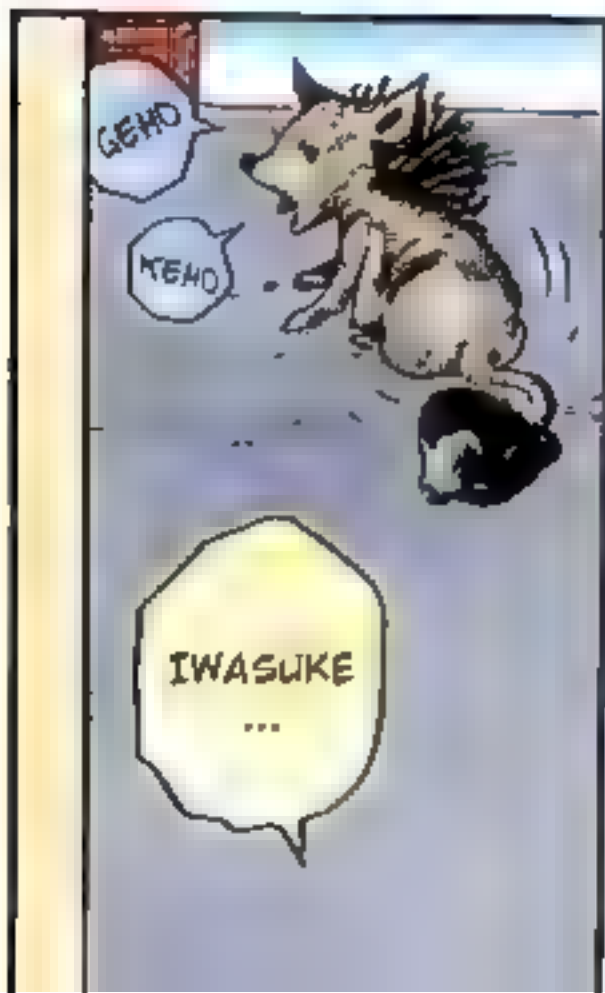
HAA  
HAA

HAA  
HAA

WHERE'S  
JOBIN?

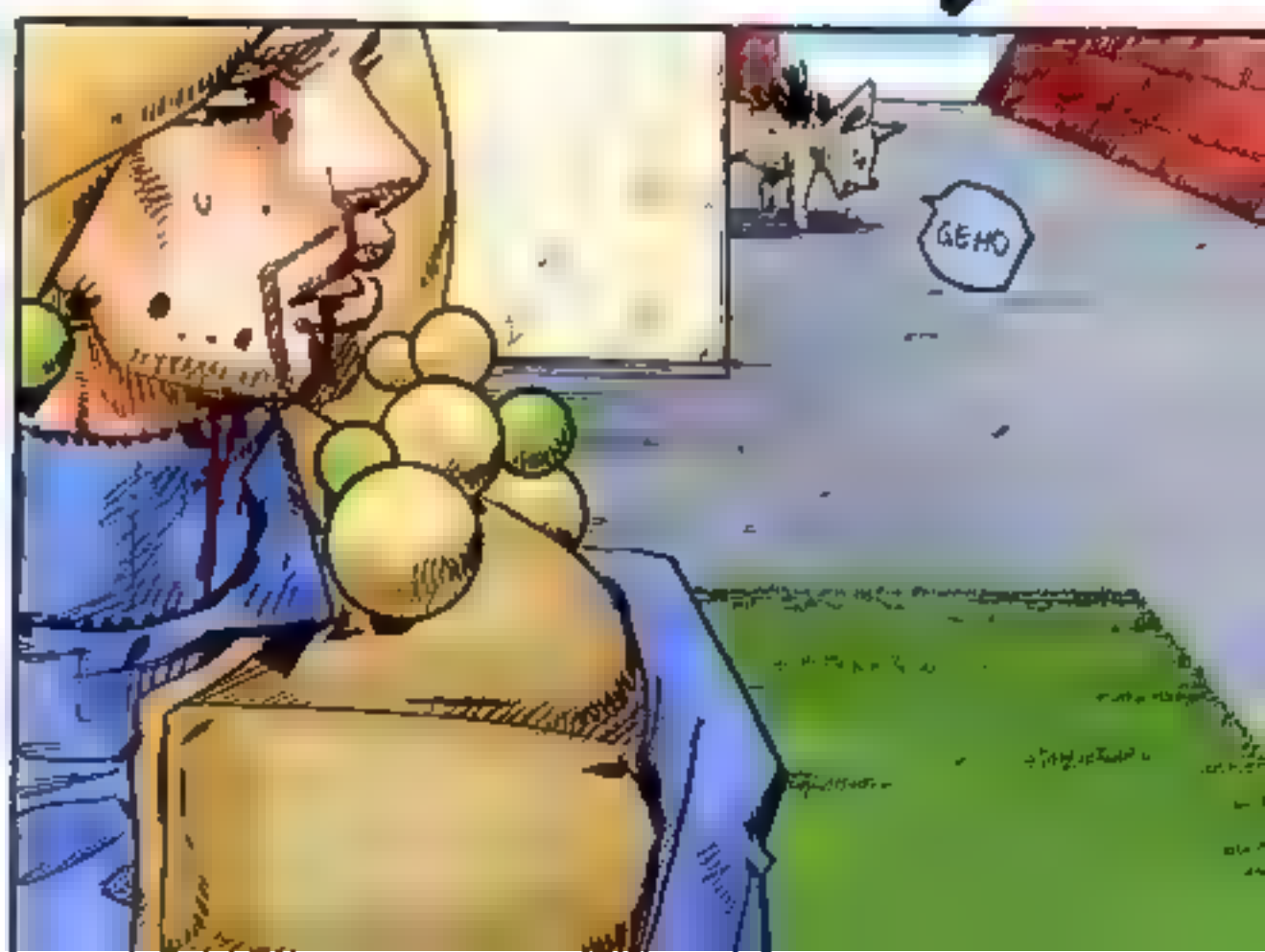
TSURUG

WASN'T YOUR  
CAREFUL WITH  
YOU?



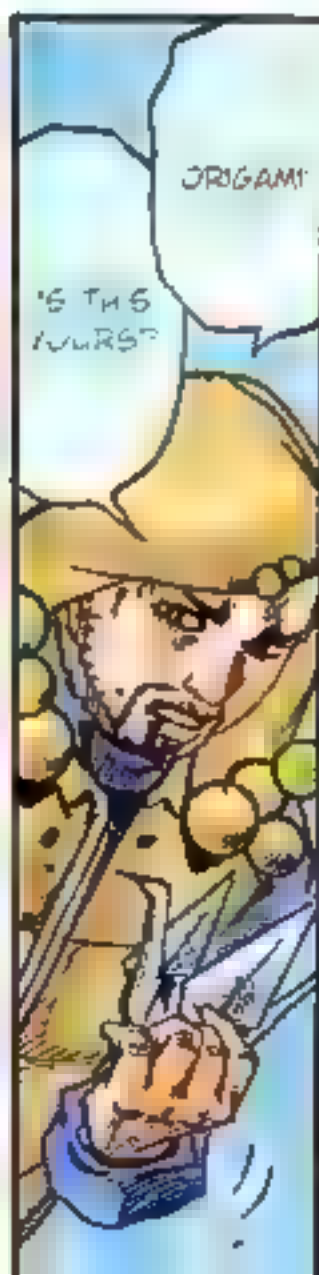
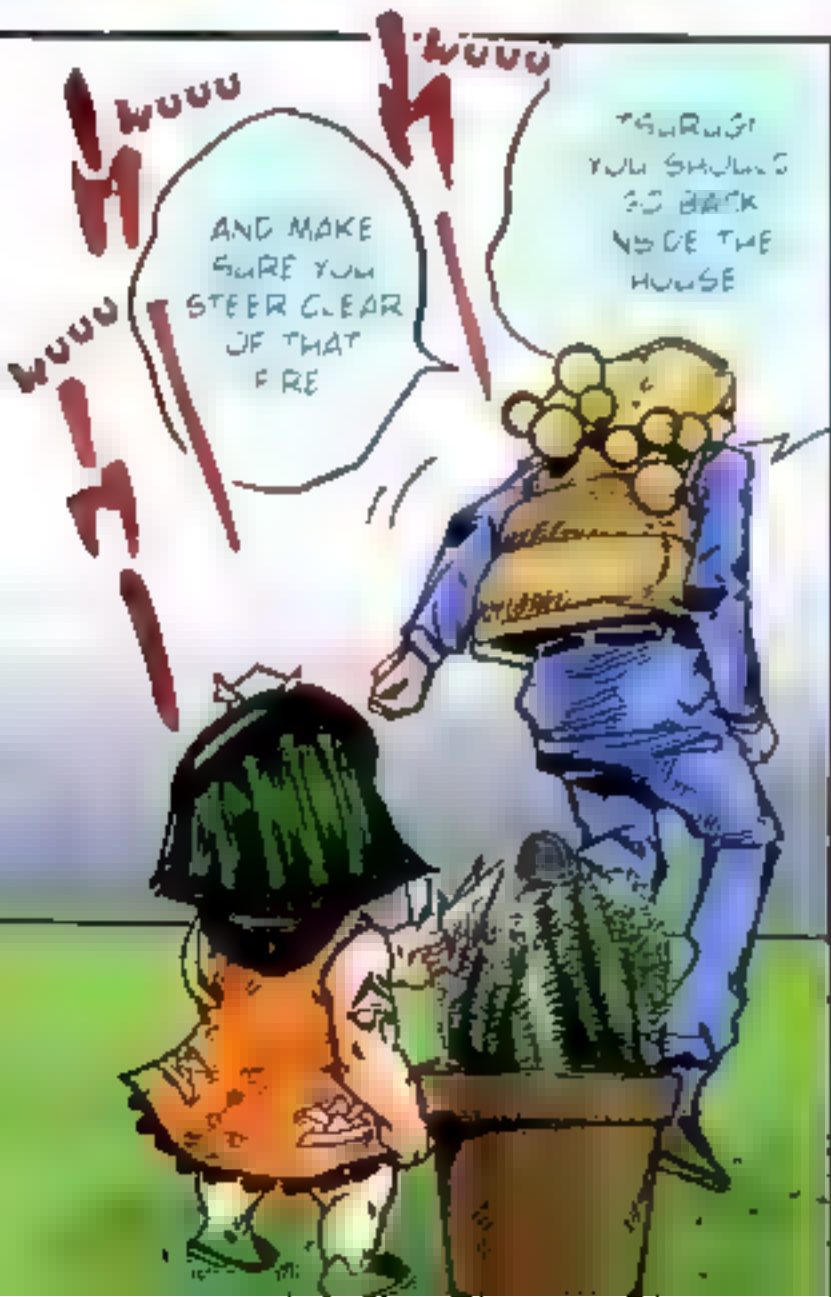
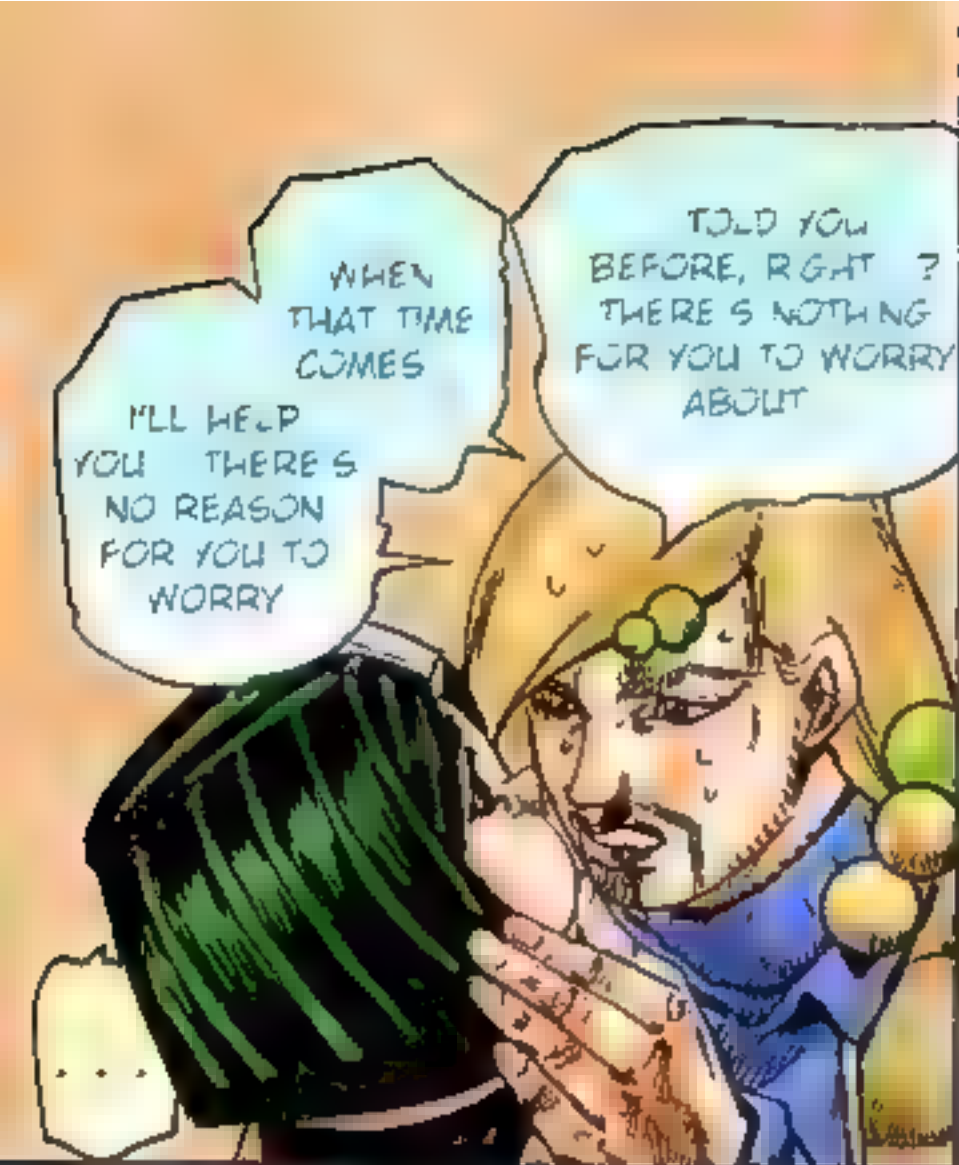
GEO  
GEO

IWASUKE  
...

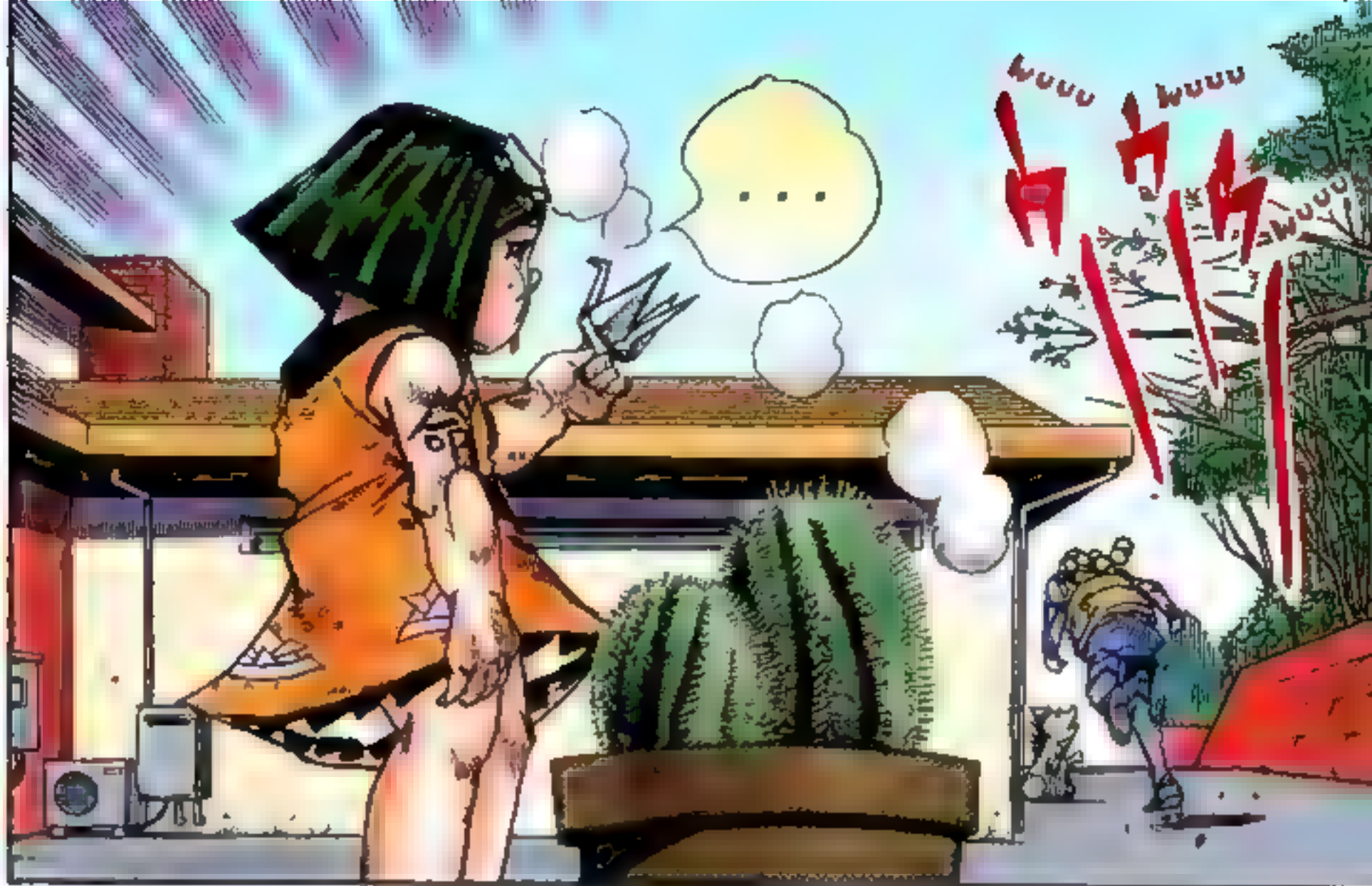


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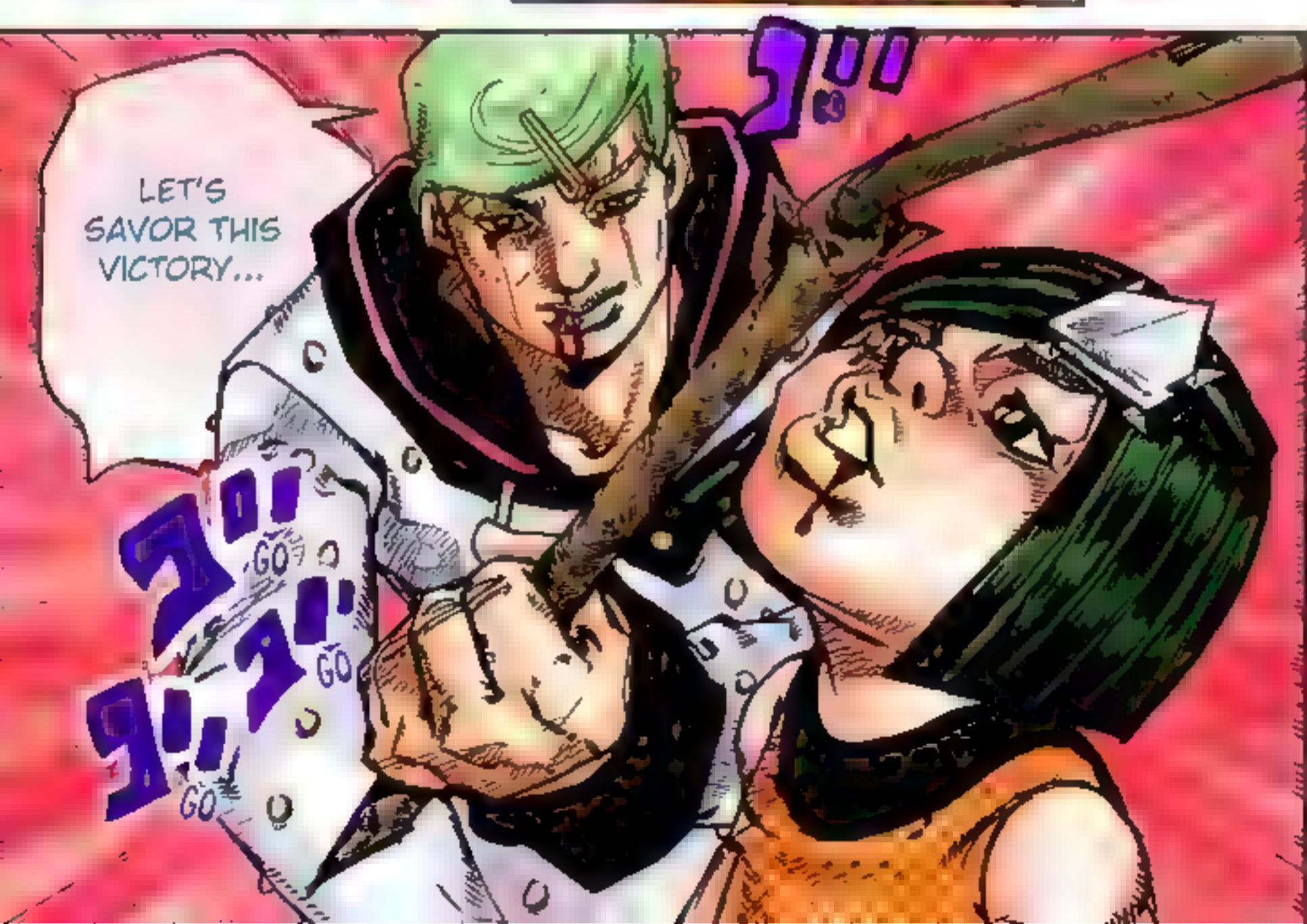
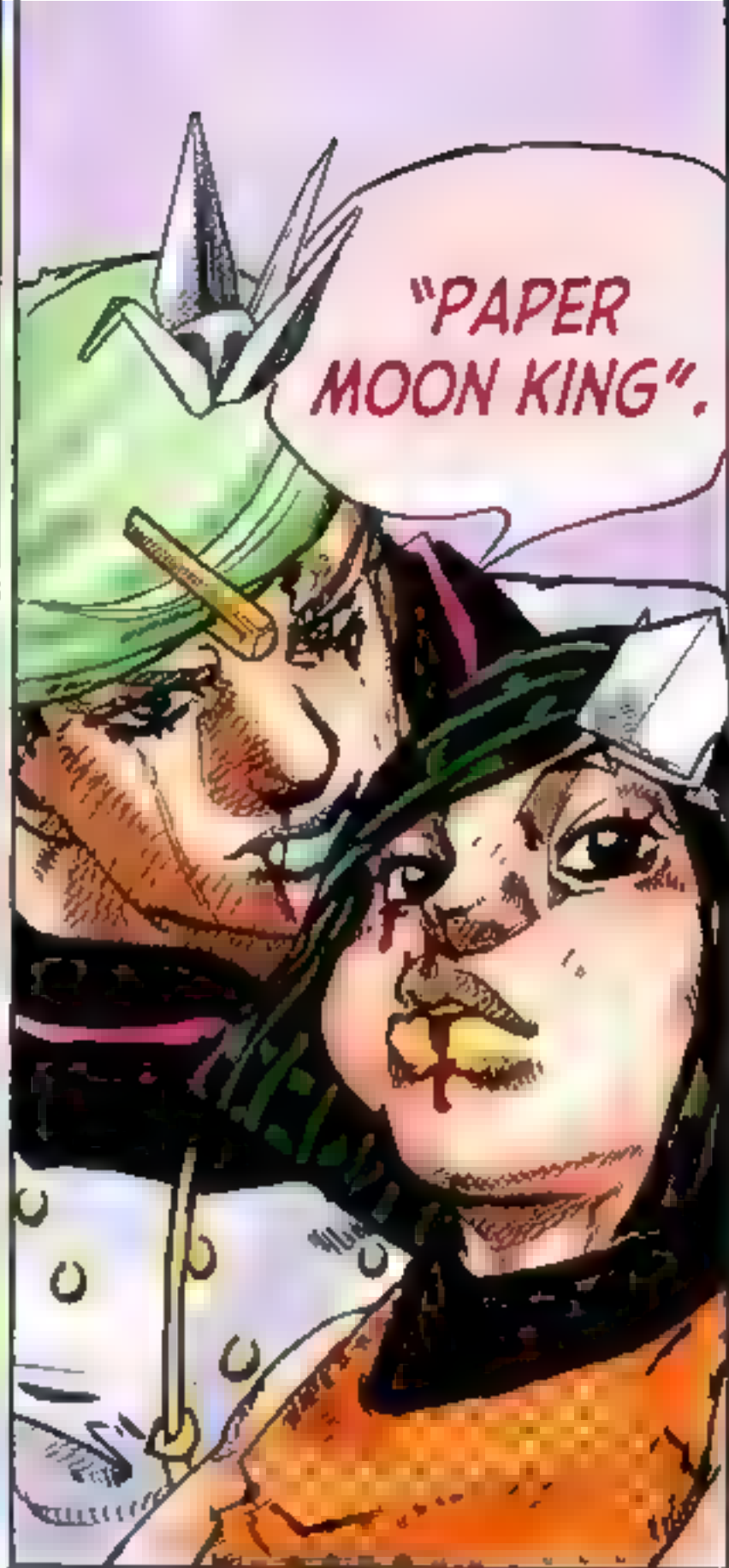




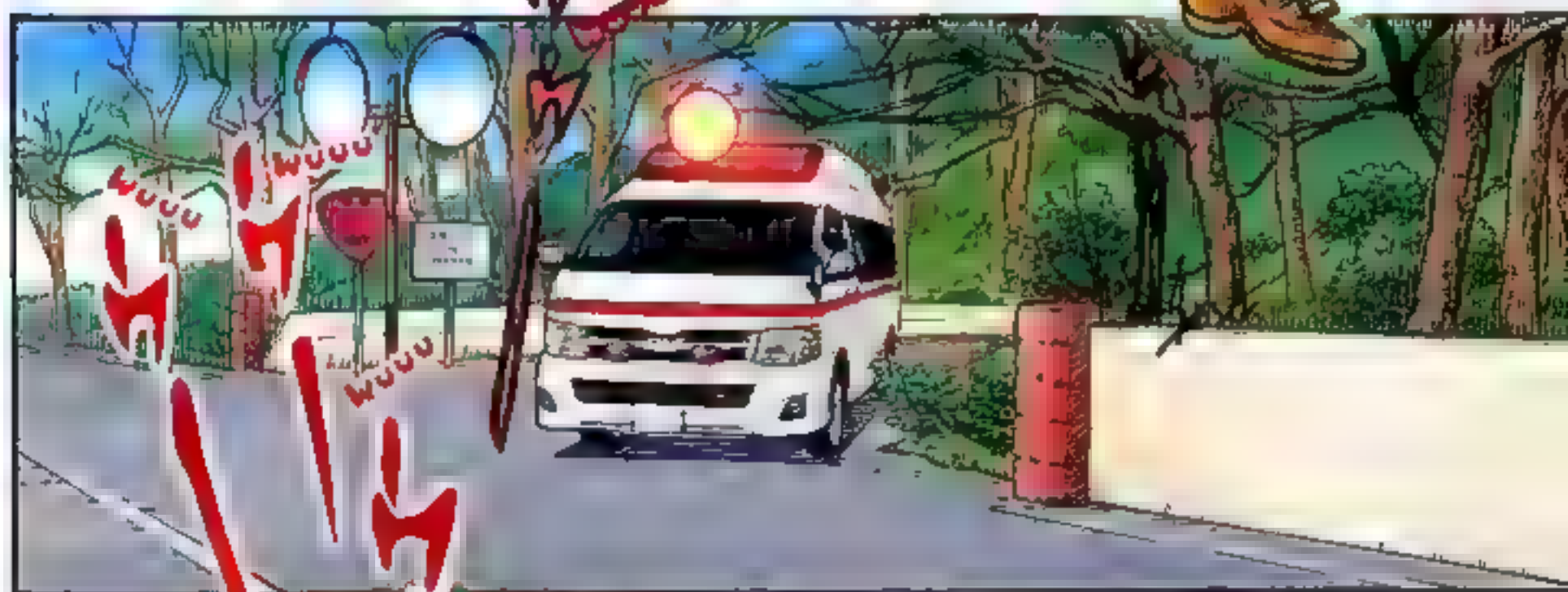




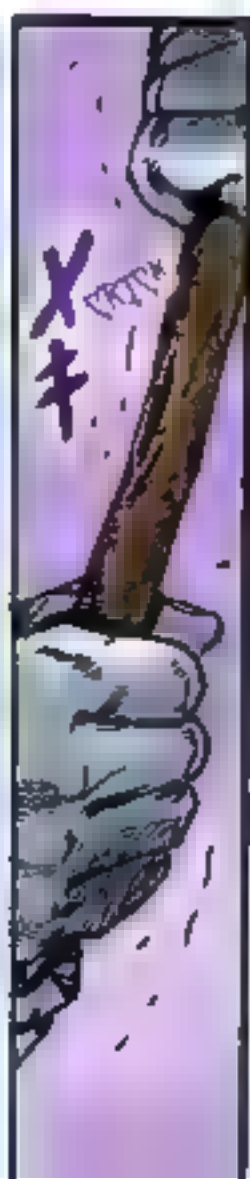
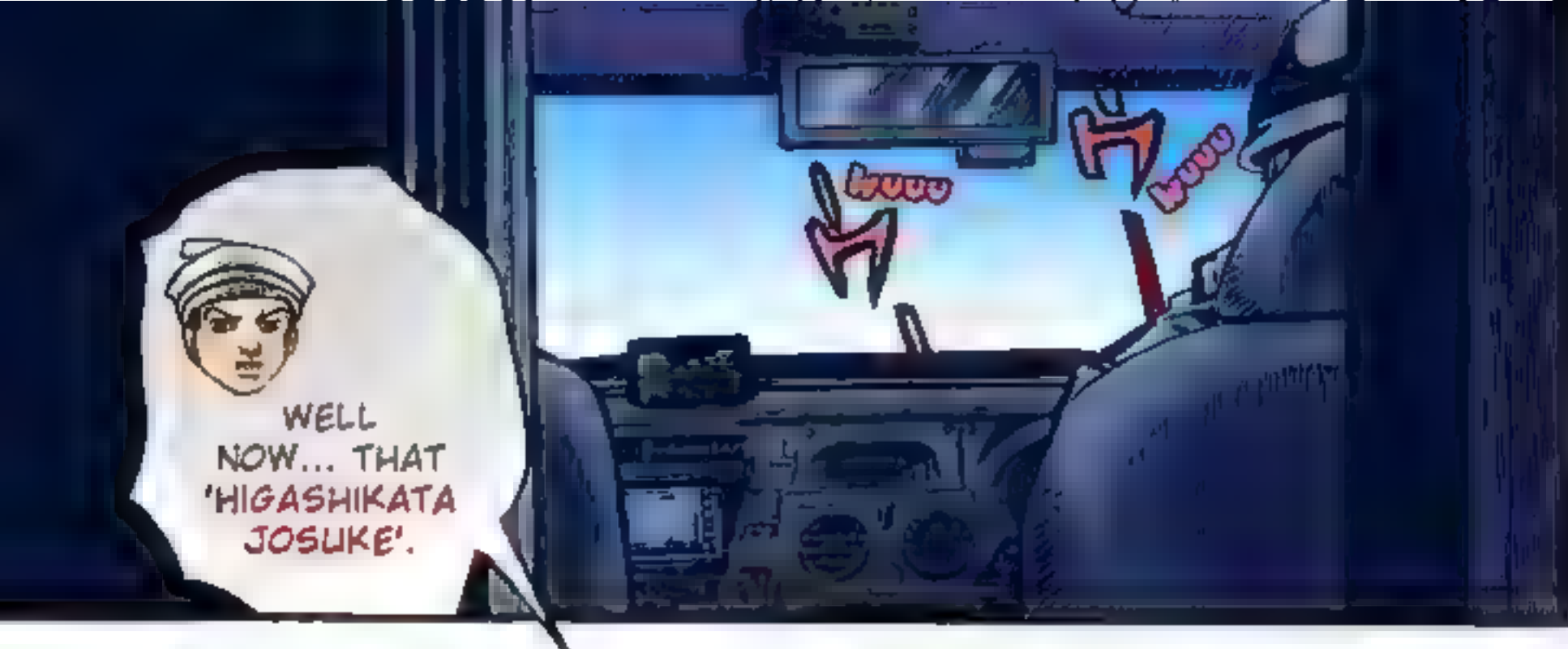




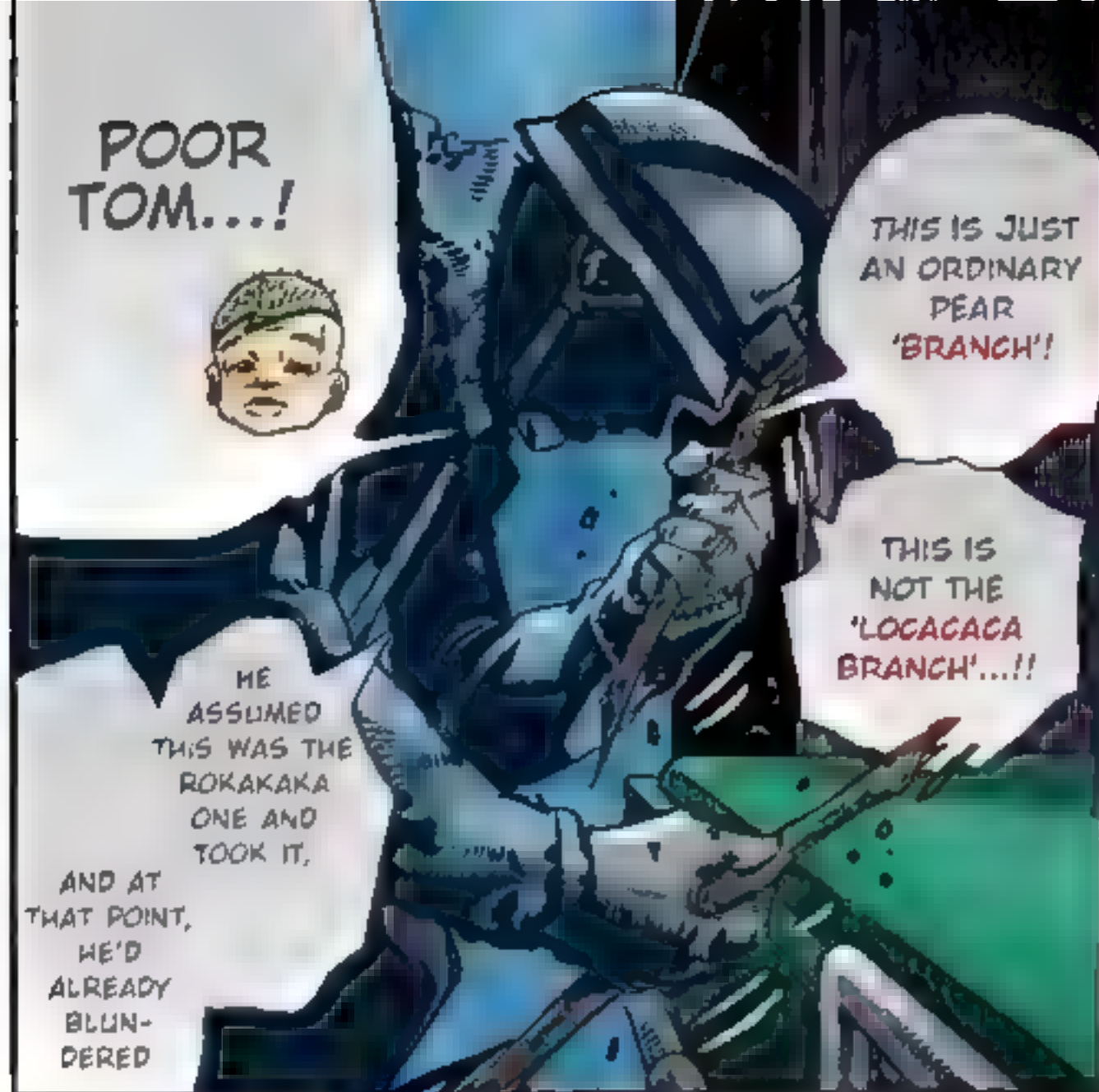












POOR  
TOM....!



THIS IS JUST  
AN ORDINARY  
PEAR  
'BRANCH'!

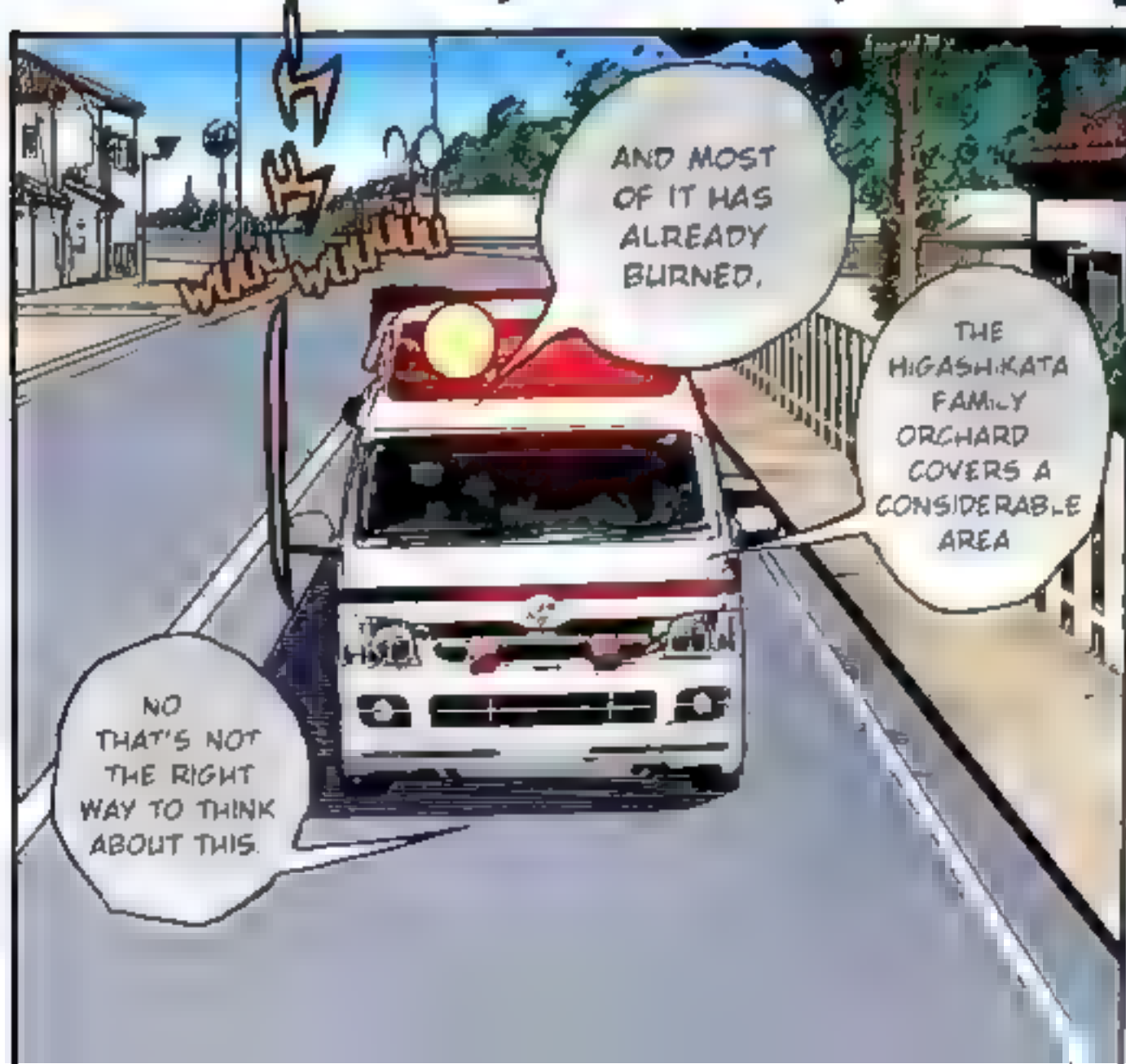
THIS IS  
NOT THE  
'LOCACACA  
BRANCH'....!!

HE  
ASSUMED  
THIS WAS THE  
ROKAKAKA  
ONE AND  
TOOK IT,

AND AT  
THAT POINT,  
HE'D  
ALREADY  
BLUN-  
DERED



THIS  
IS THE  
WRONG  
ONE!



AND MOST  
OF IT HAS  
ALREADY  
BURNED.

THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
FAMILY  
ORCHARD  
COVERS A  
CONSIDERABLE  
AREA

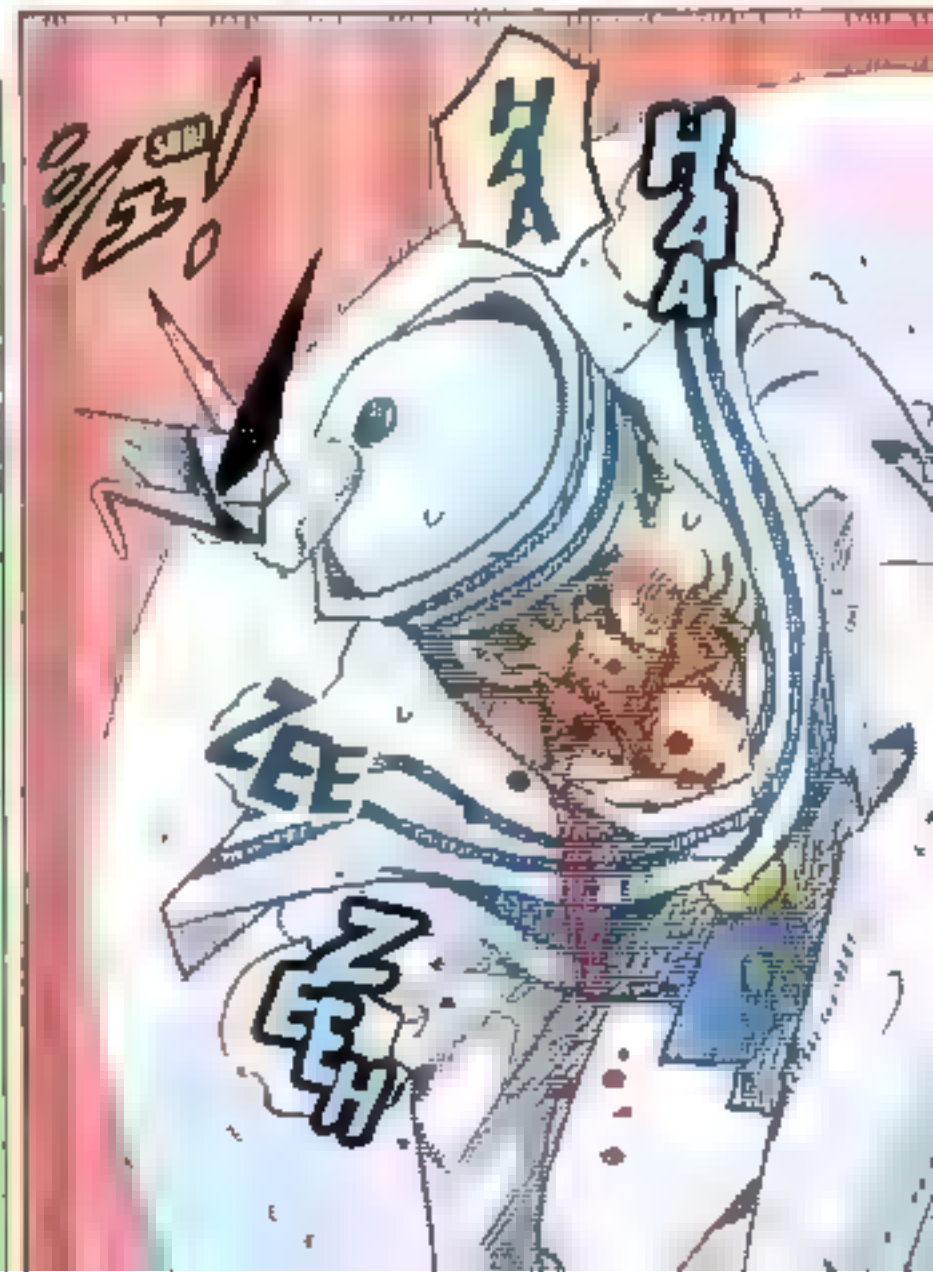
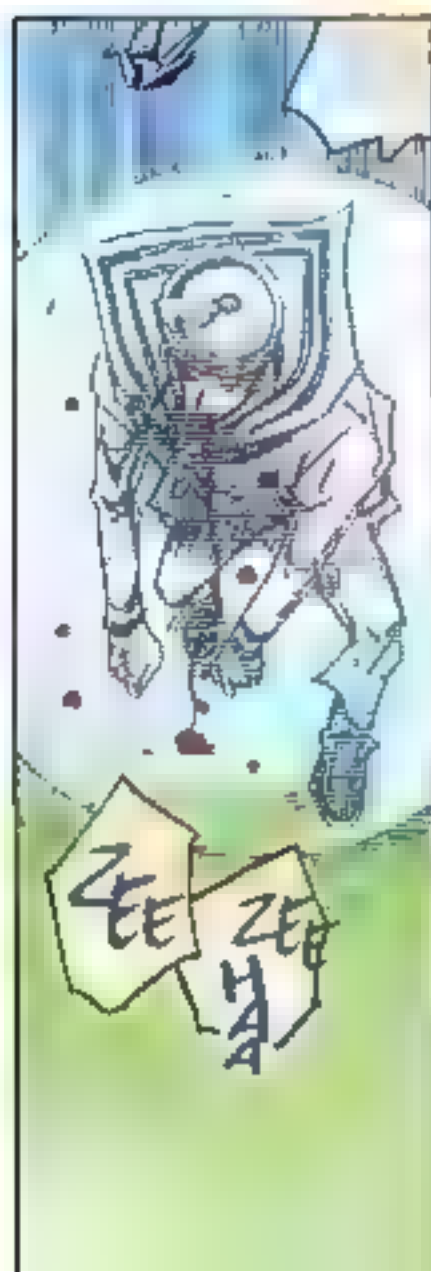
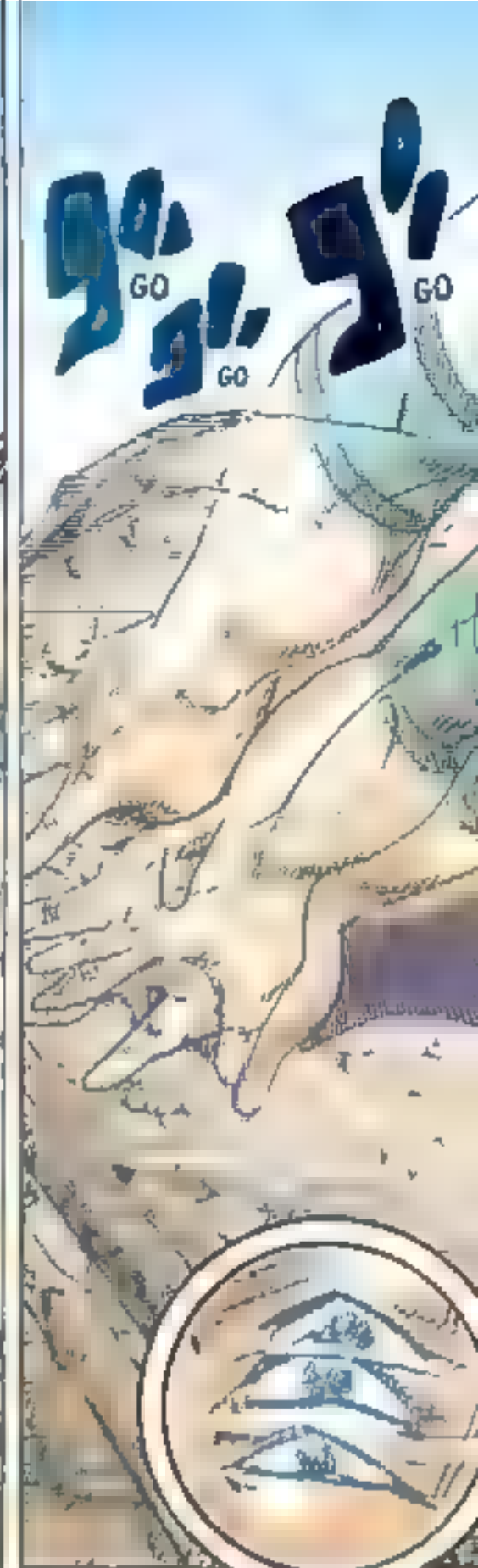
NO  
THAT'S NOT  
THE RIGHT  
WAY TO THINK  
ABOUT THIS.



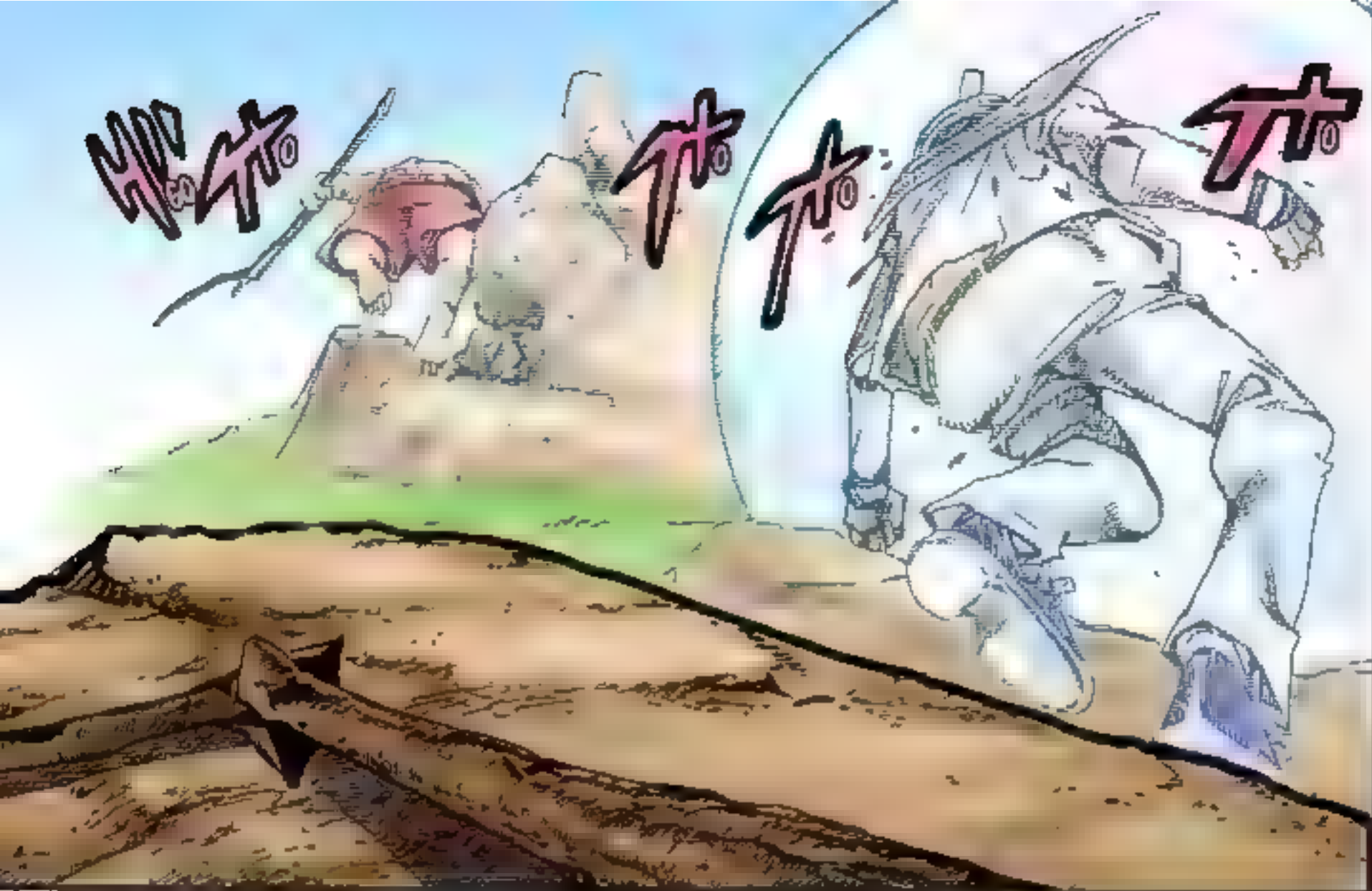




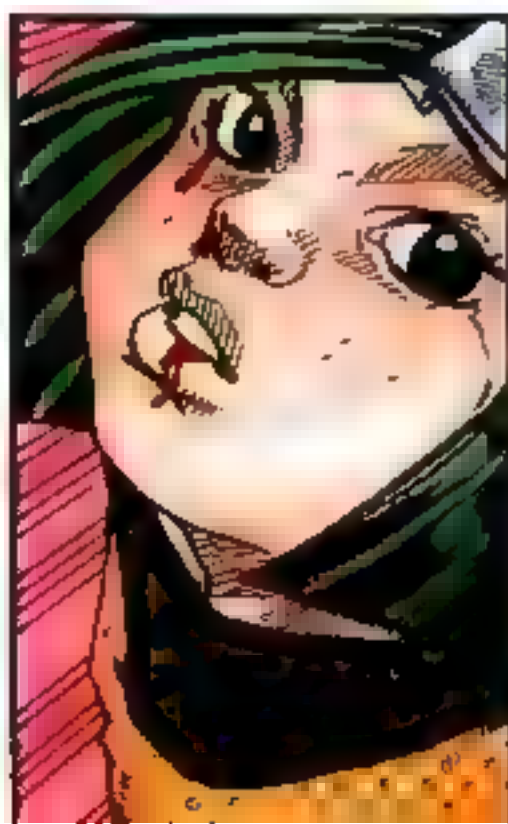
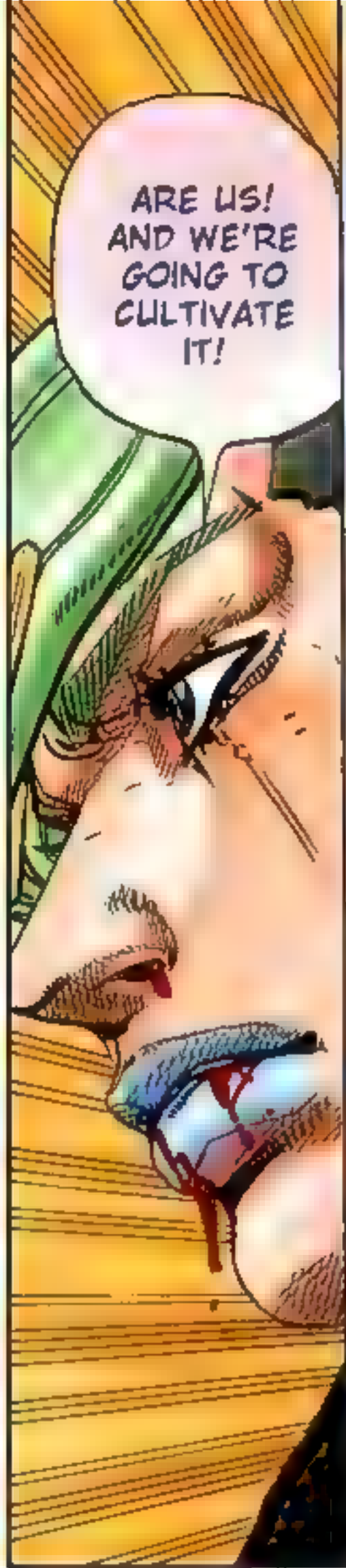
















THERE ARE SPECIAL 'BUGS' PLANTED INSIDE THIS 'BRANCH'.  
BY 'GRAFTING' IT ON TO THIS CACTUS PLANT, IT'LL GROW FASTER.

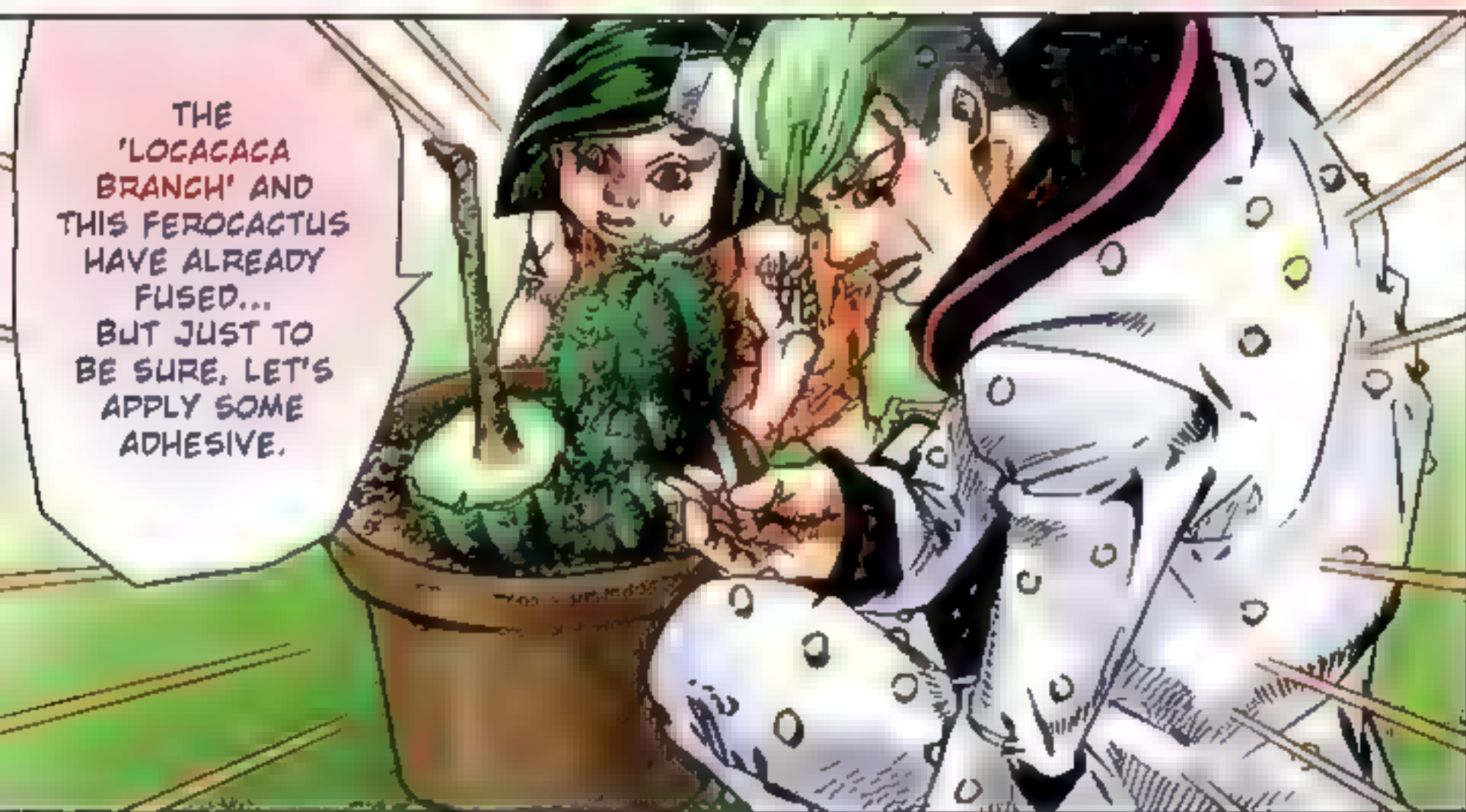


HE GOT DONE IN BY 'POOR TOM'S' PRESSURE,

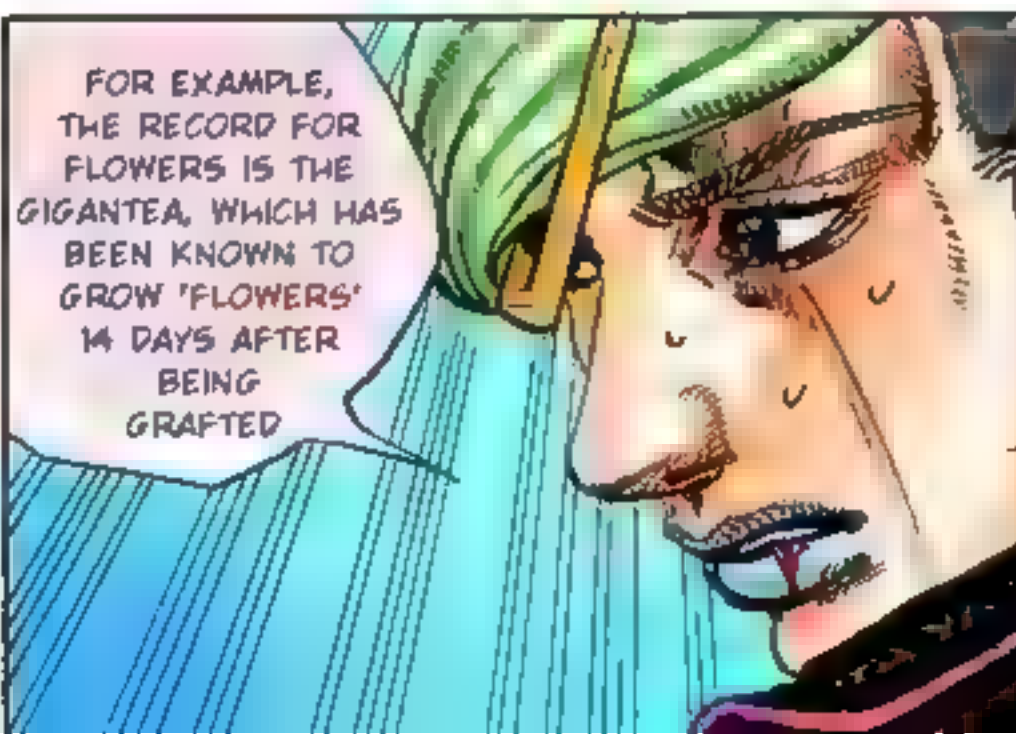
BUT HE REALLY WAS SOMETHING... THESE ARE 'BUGS'.

POP'S 'PLANT APPRAISER' ...

LOOK AT THIS 'BRANCH'.



THE 'LOCACACA BRANCH' AND THIS FEROCACTUS HAVE ALREADY FUSED... BUT JUST TO BE SURE, LET'S APPLY SOME ADHESIVE.



FOR EXAMPLE, THE RECORD FOR FLOWERS IS THE GIGANTEA, WHICH HAS BEEN KNOWN TO GROW 'FLOWERS' 14 DAYS AFTER BEING GRAFTED

WITH THIS METHOD, IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO LONG BEFORE WE CAN HARVEST THE 'FRUIT'.







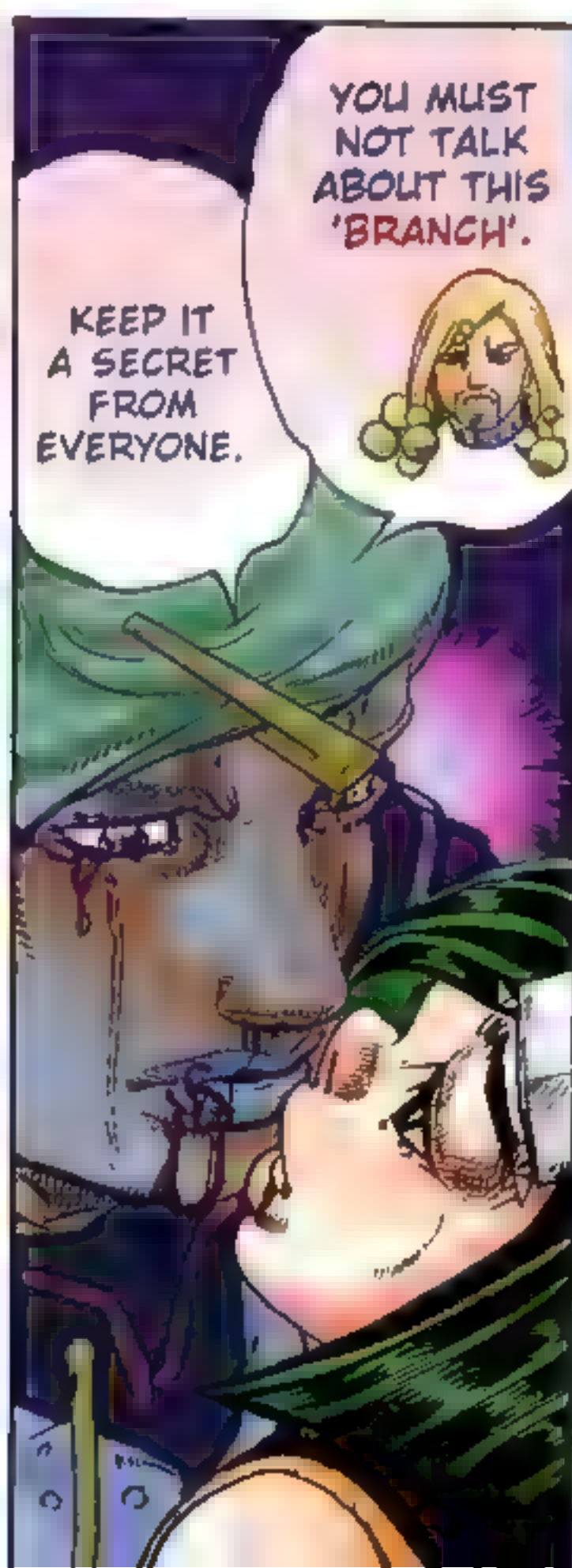
I'M  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
THAT.

WILL THE  
FRUIT GROW?  
...WH...WHERE  
DO WE PUT  
IT?



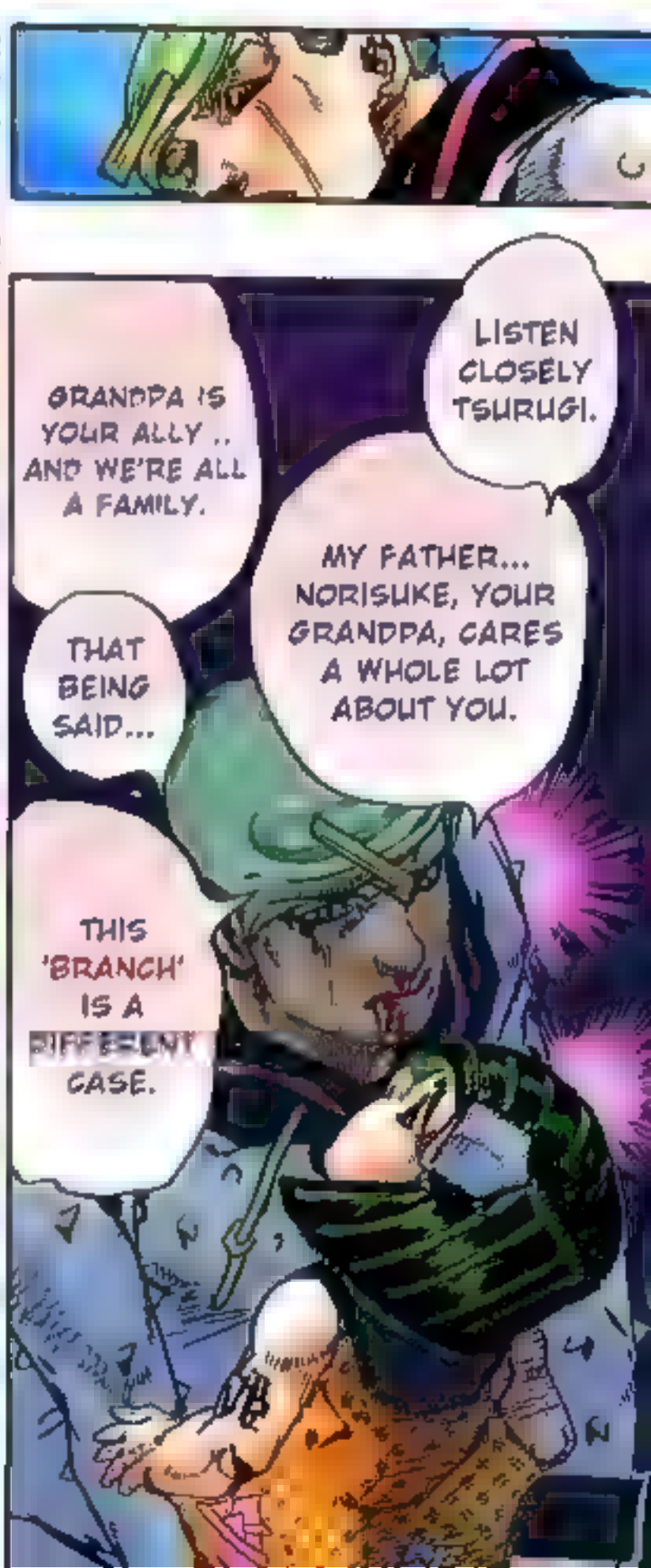
IF YOU  
TALK TO  
GRANDPA  
NORISUKE  
ABOUT  
THIS  
'BRANCH'...

THEN  
GRANDPA  
NORISUKE  
WILL LOSE TO  
THE 'ENEMY'.  
THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
HIS WAY OF  
THINKING  
IS WEAK



YOU MUST  
NOT TALK  
ABOUT THIS  
'BRANCH'.

KEEP IT  
A SECRET  
FROM  
EVERYONE.



GRANDPA IS  
YOUR ALLY ..  
AND WE'RE ALL  
A FAMILY.

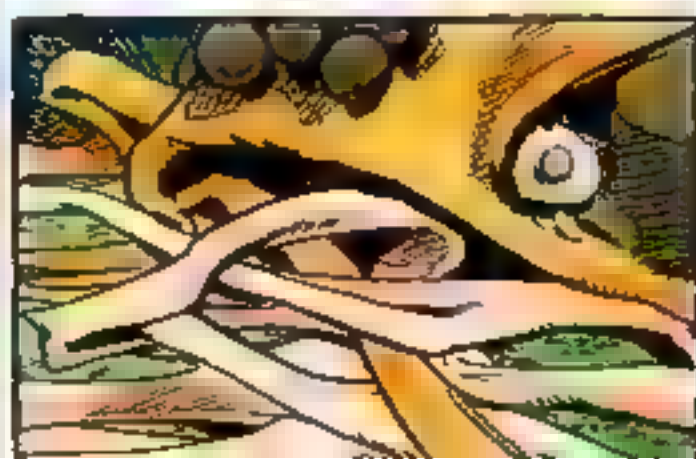
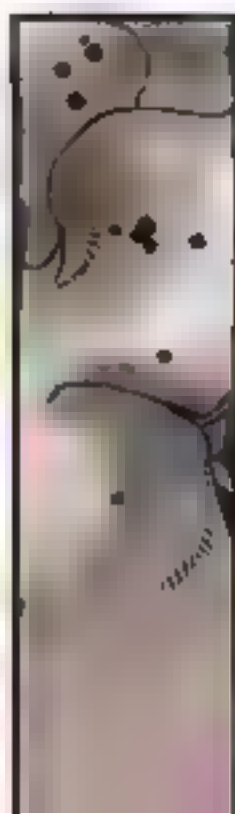
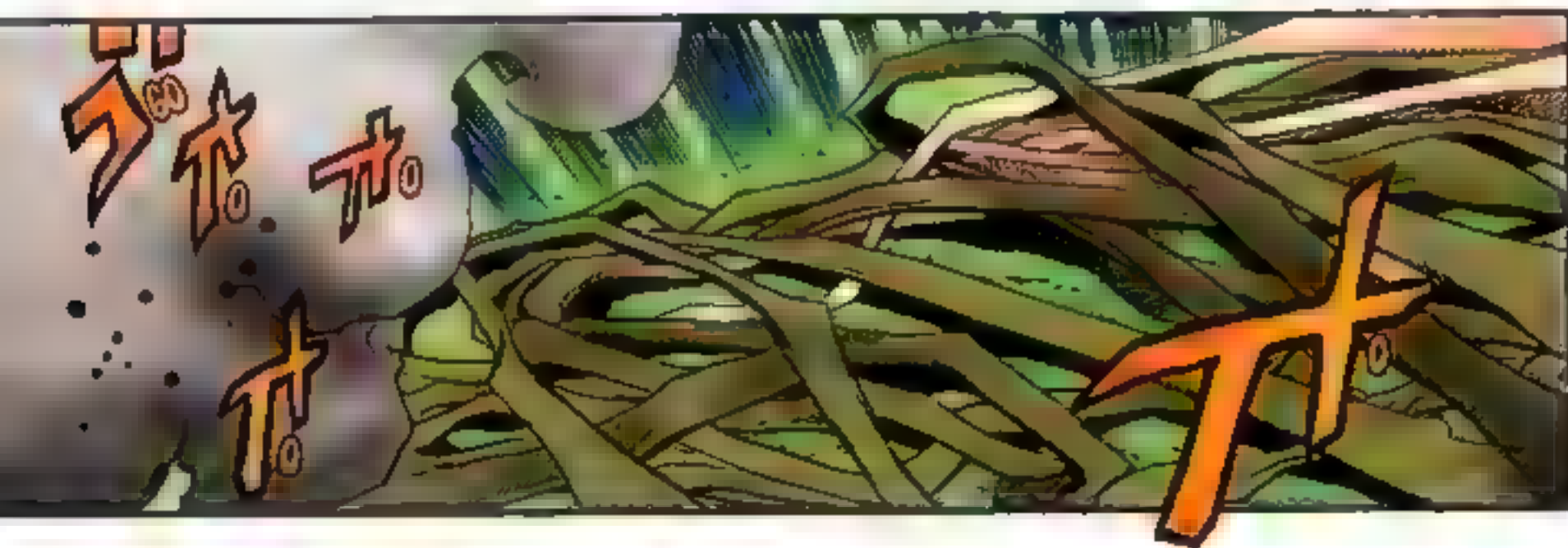
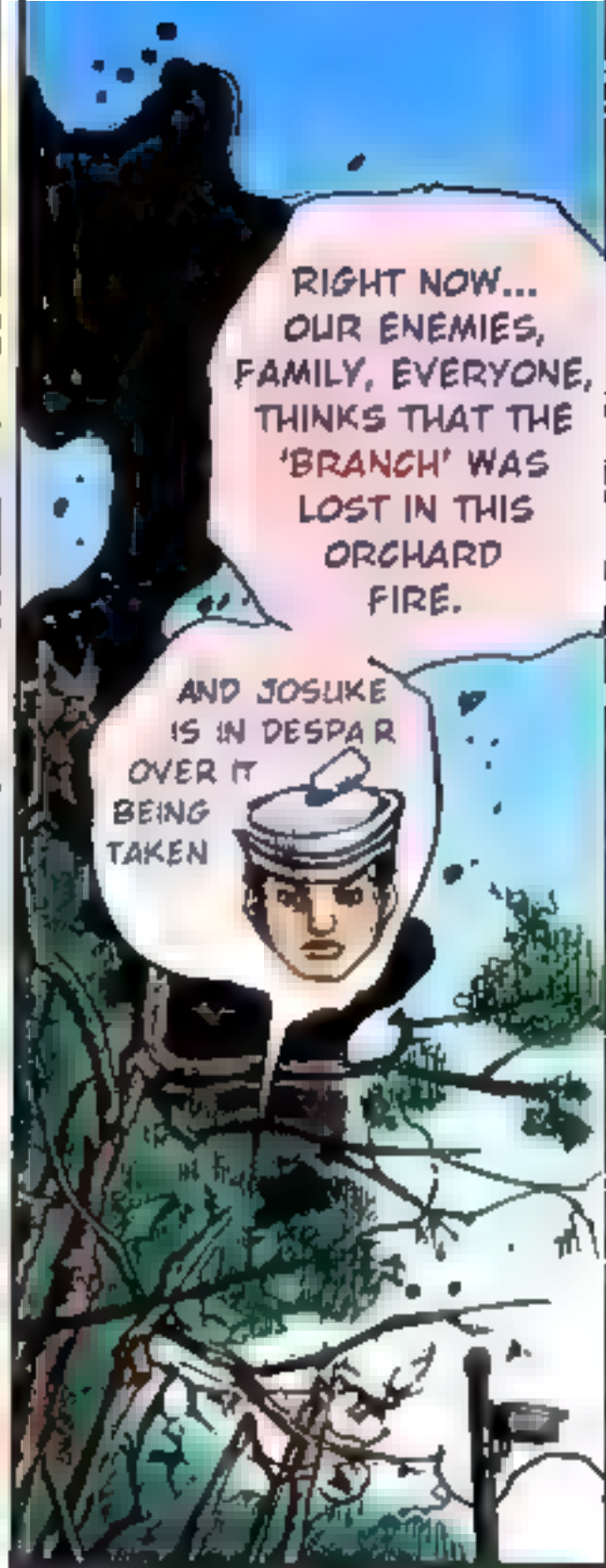
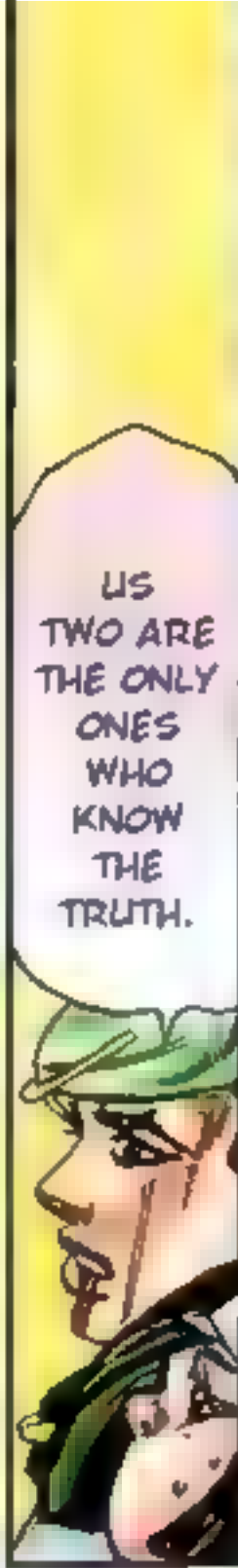
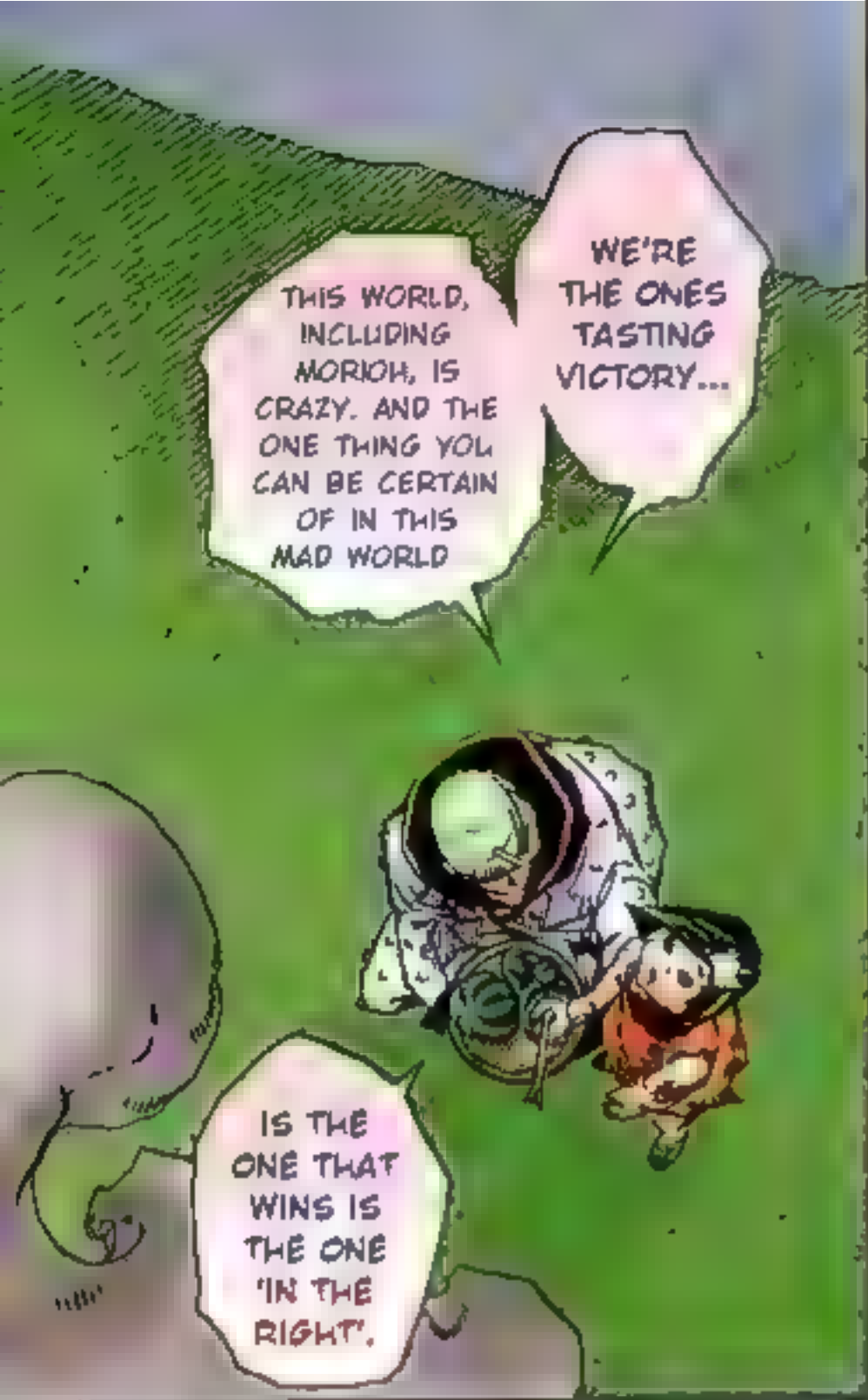
THAT  
BEING  
SAID...

THIS  
'BRANCH'  
IS A  
DIFFERENT  
CASE.

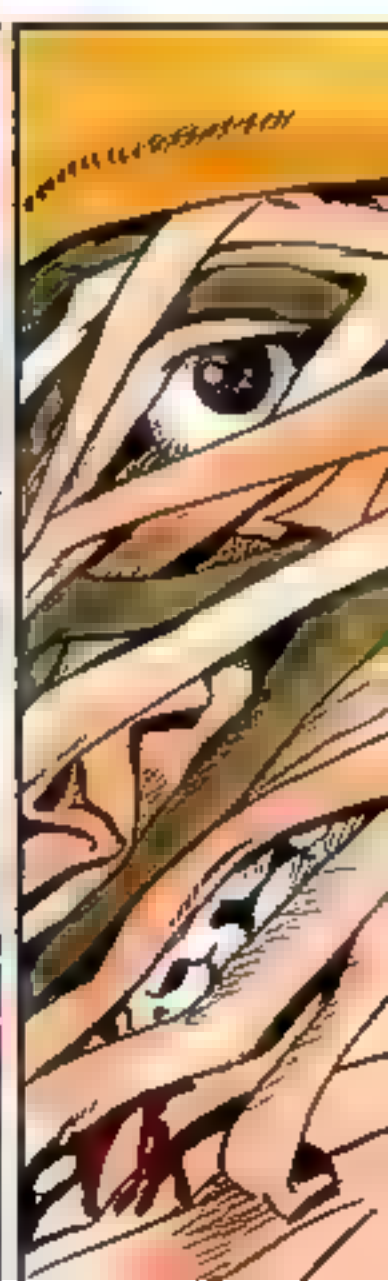
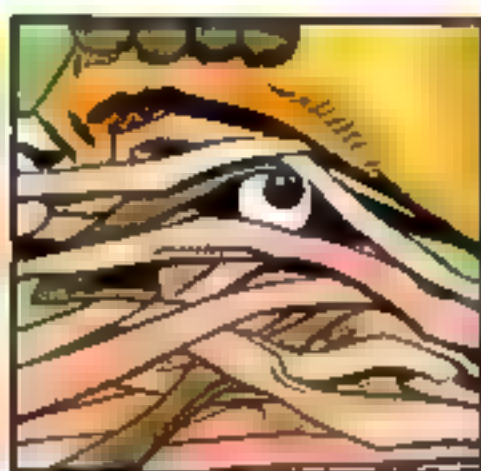
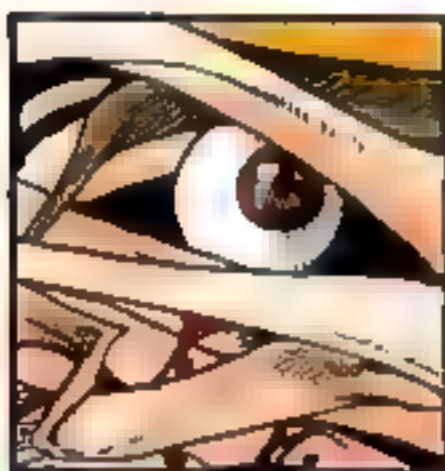
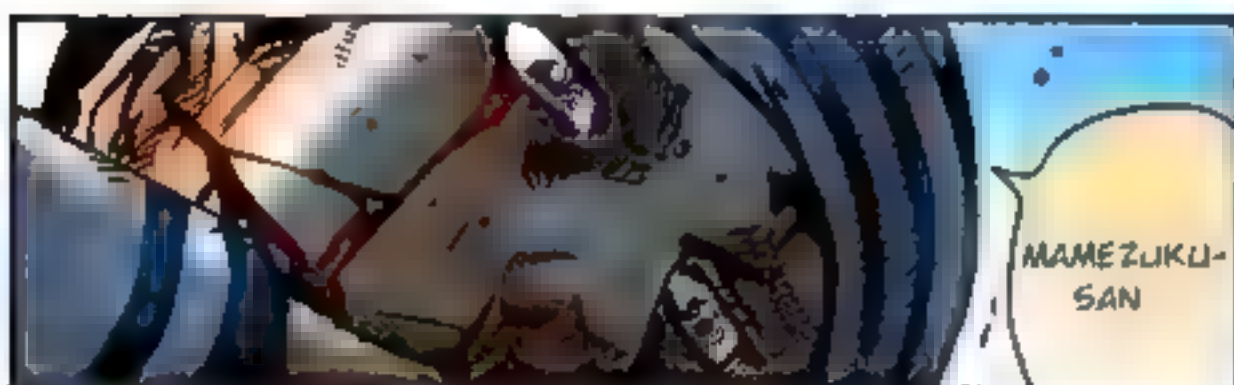
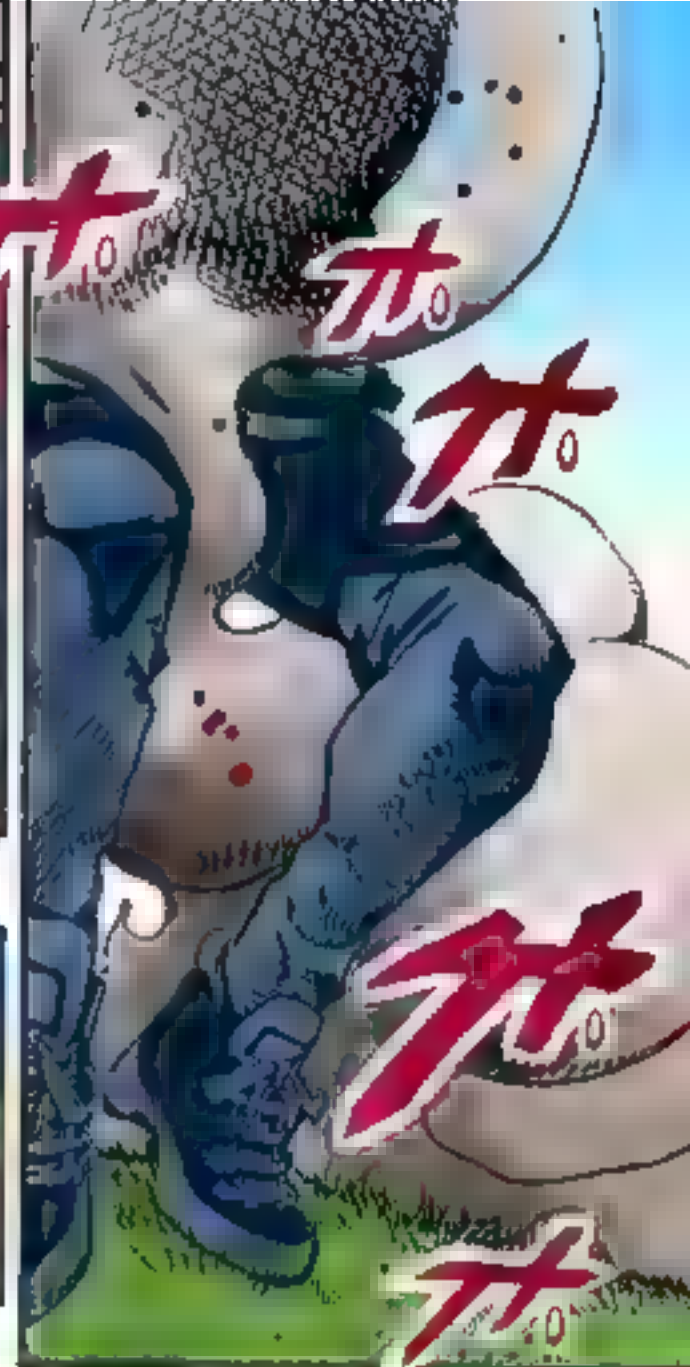
LISTEN  
CLOSELY  
TSURUGI.

MY FATHER...  
NORISUKE, YOUR  
GRANDPA, CARES  
A WHOLE LOT  
ABOUT YOU.

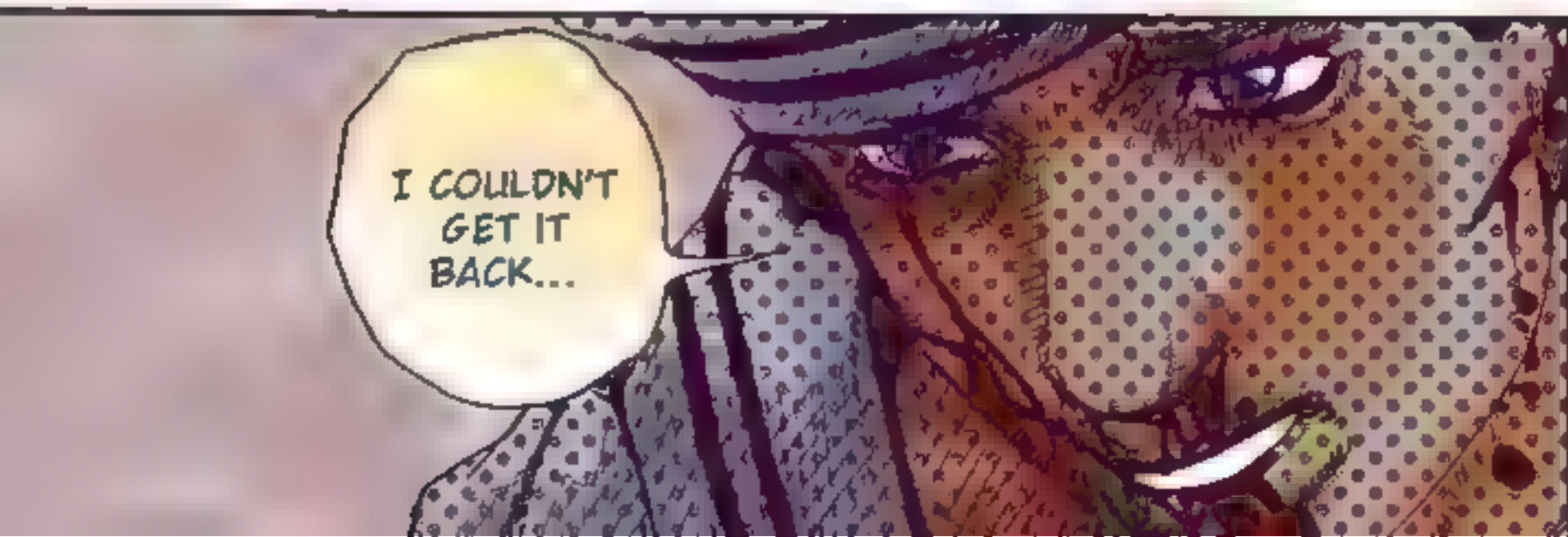
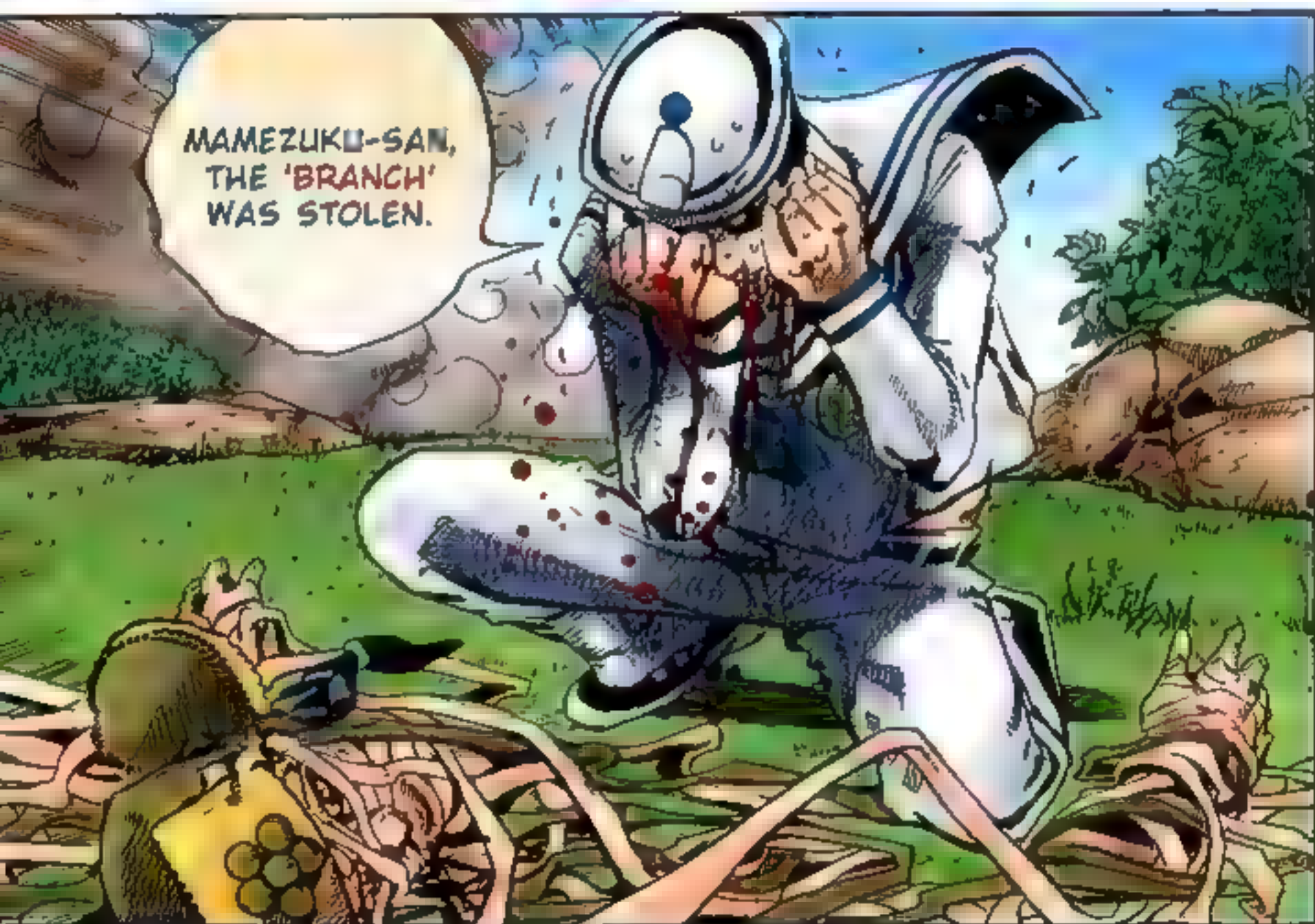












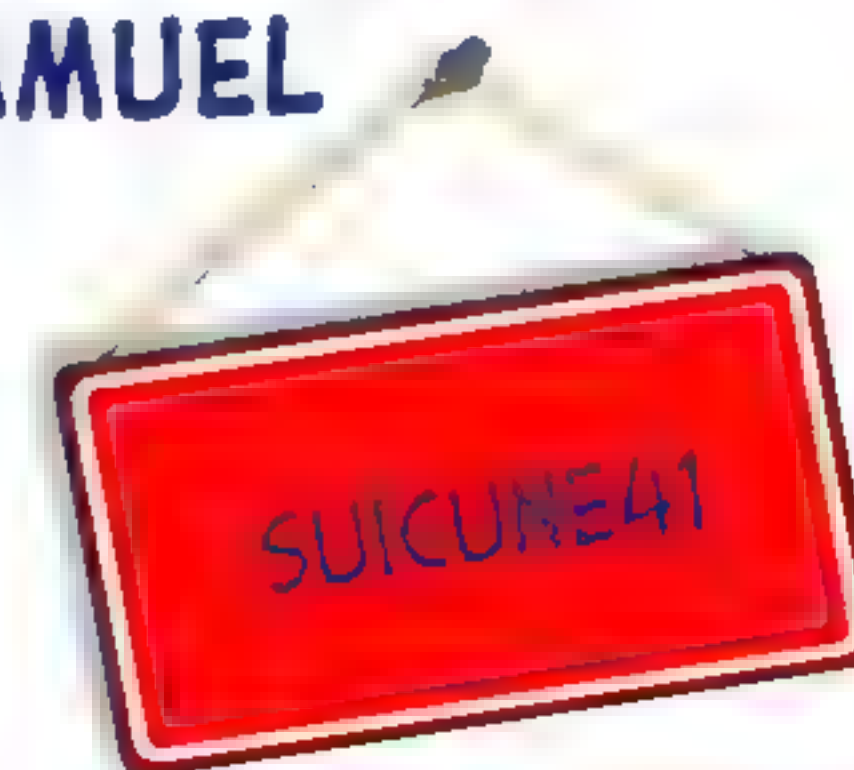




WE'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR  
THE DELAY ON THIS CHAPTER. ALSO,  
FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS,  
WE WILL BE REFERRING TO THE  
'ROKAKAKA' FRUIT AS THE CANON  
ENGLISH SPELLING: 'LOCACACA'

PRESENTED BY: DUCKS WITH HATS

TYPESETTING: NAT71828, MINEDOR, THATDUDE  
CLEANING: MINEDOR  
TRANSLATION: HI WA MATA NOBORU  
LOGO: THATDUDE  
QUALITY CONTROL: HAMUEL





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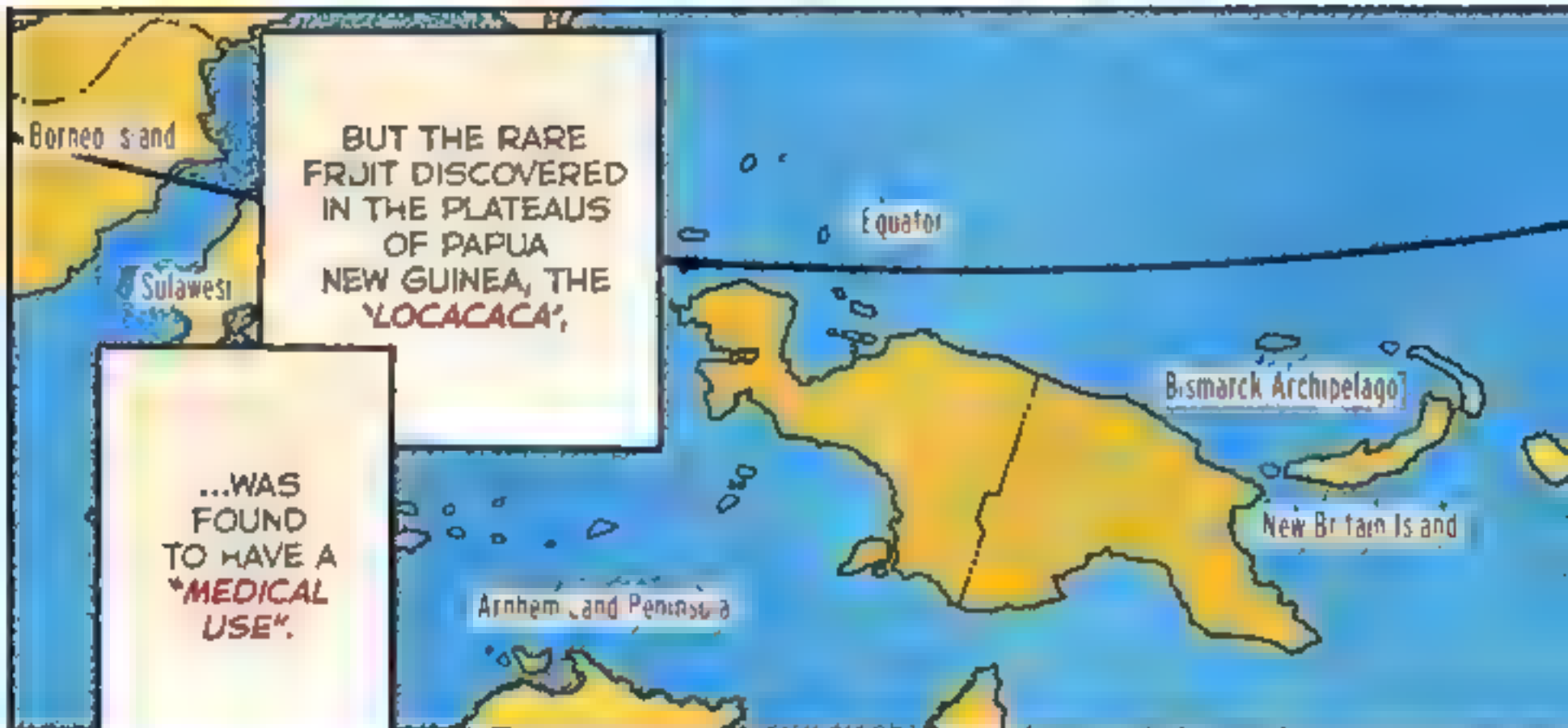


IT'S A  
FINDING  
THAT HAS  
NOT BEEN  
PUBLISHED  
ANYWHERE...

MEDICALLY...  
AND ALSO  
PHARMA-  
CEUTICALLY,

BUT THE RARE  
FRUIT DISCOVERED  
IN THE PLATEAUS  
OF PAPUA  
NEW GUINEA, THE  
'LOCACACA',

...WAS  
FOUND  
TO HAVE A  
'MEDICAL  
USE'.

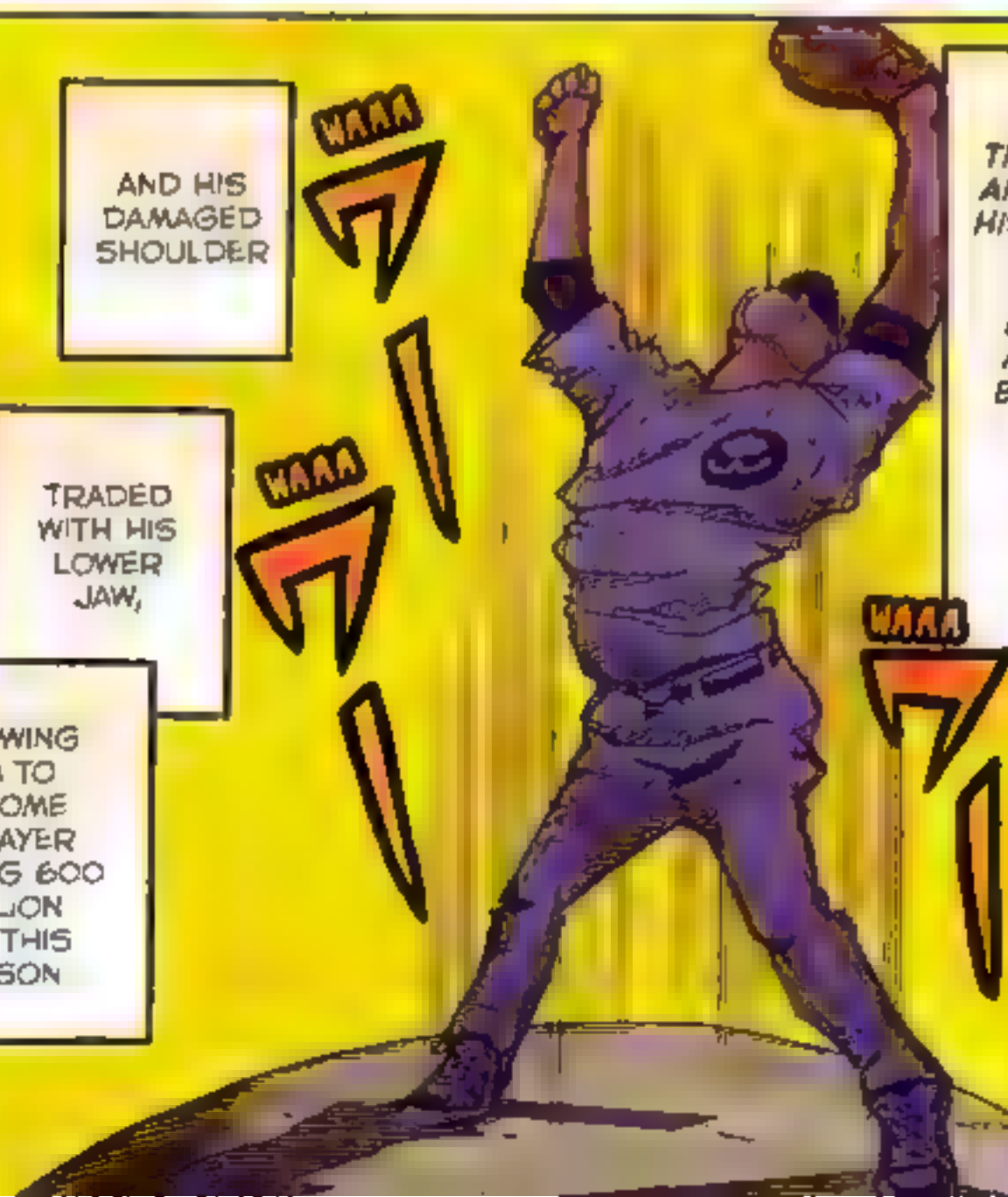


AND HIS  
DAMAGED  
SHOULDER

TRADED  
WITH HIS  
LOWER  
JAW,

ALLOWING  
HIM TO  
BECOME  
A PLAYER  
MAKING 600  
MILLION  
YEN THIS  
SEASON

A PITCHER FOR  
THE SEITEN BIRDIES,  
AH-KUN, HAD RUINED  
HIS RIGHT SHOULDER  
AND WAS TOLD IT  
WOULD NEVER  
RECOVER. HE WAS  
ABOUT TO RETIRE,  
BUT THEN HE ATE A  
'LOCACACA'





THE ABILITY TO  
"EQUIVALENTLY"  
"EXCHANGE" AN  
"AILING PART"  
WITH A "HEALTHY  
PART".

THIS IS  
"EQUIVALENT  
EXCHANGE"!!

1/2 OF  
MY BODY IS  
JOSEFUMI  
KUJO,



AND 1/2  
OF IT  
IS YOSHI-  
KAGE KIRA.

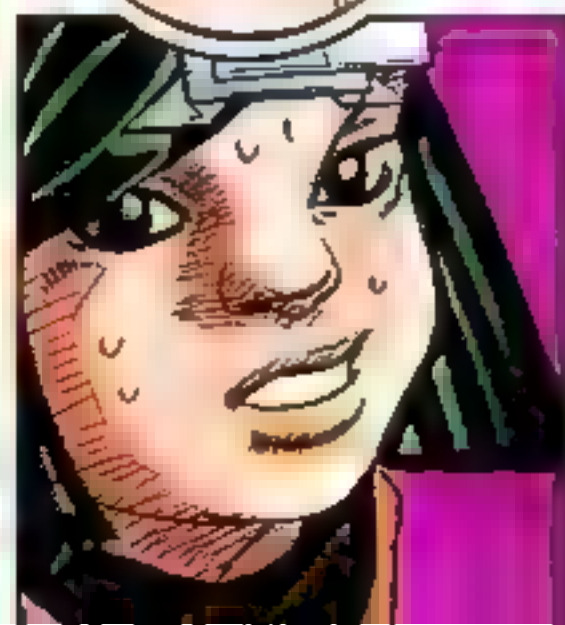
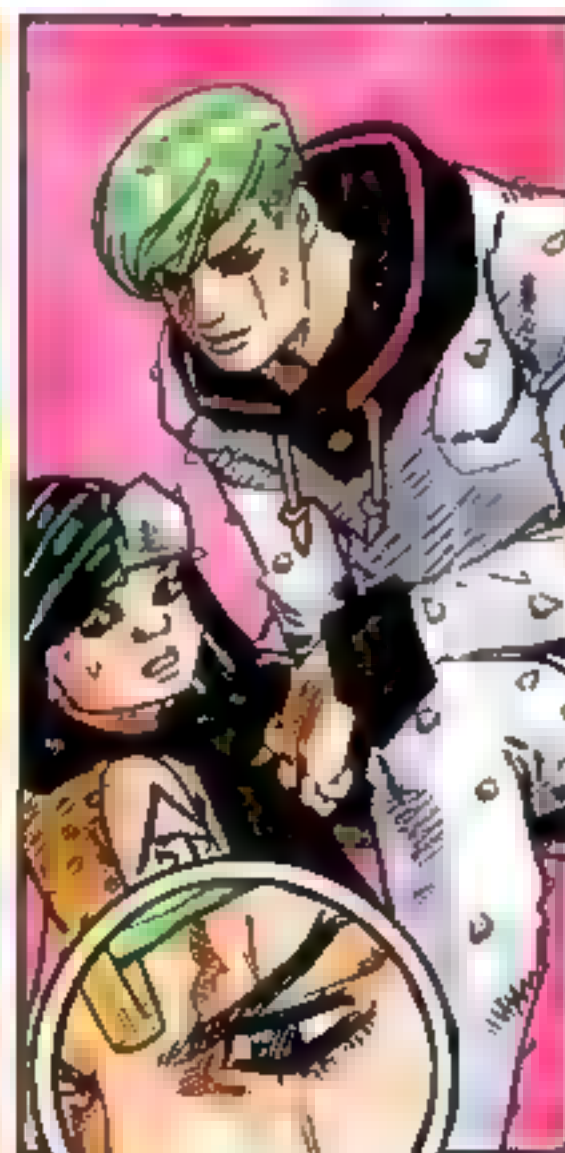
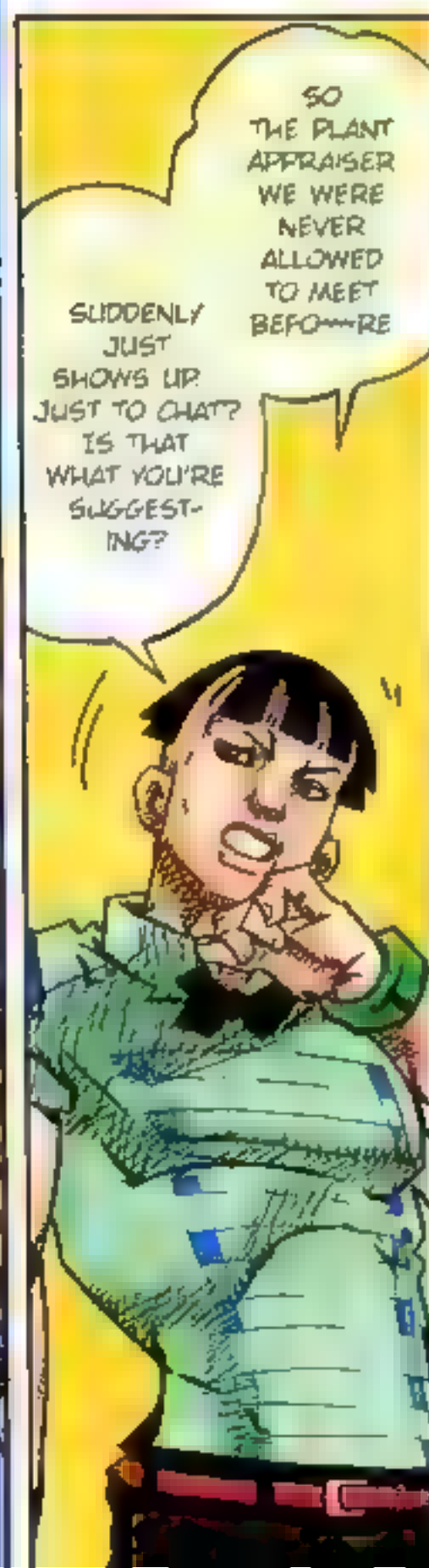


TWO SEPARATE  
BODIES TIED  
TOGETHER THROUGH  
EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE.  
—"AND MY MEMORIES  
WERE LOST"—

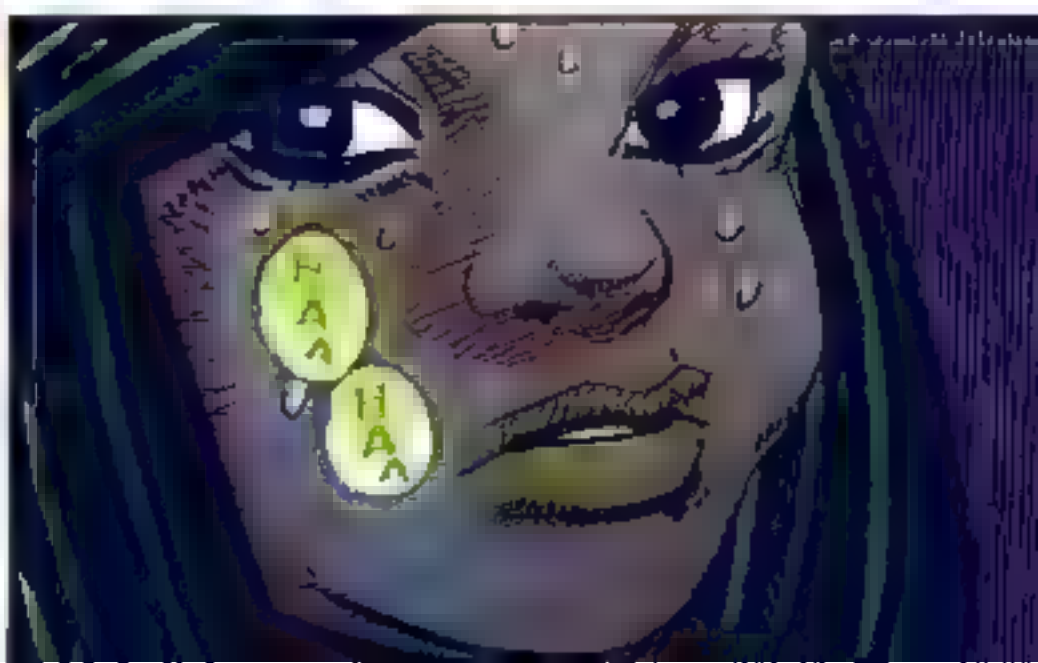
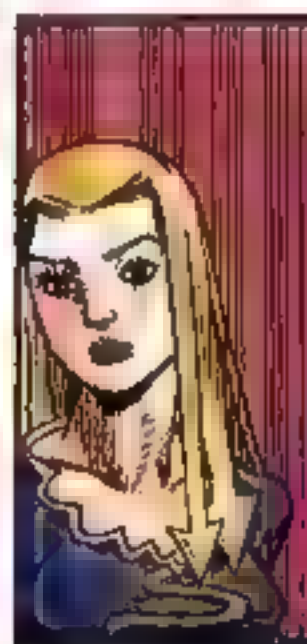
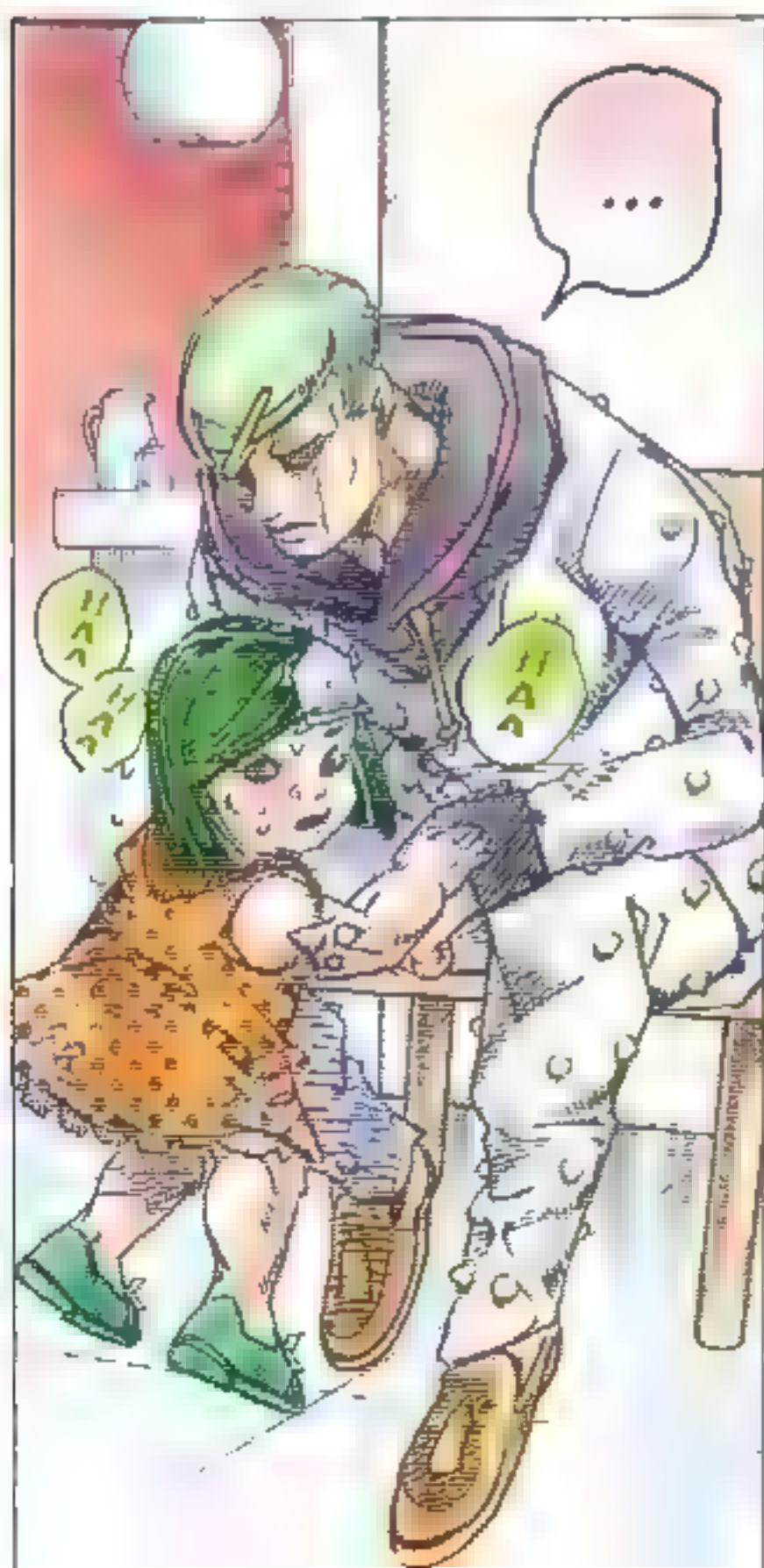




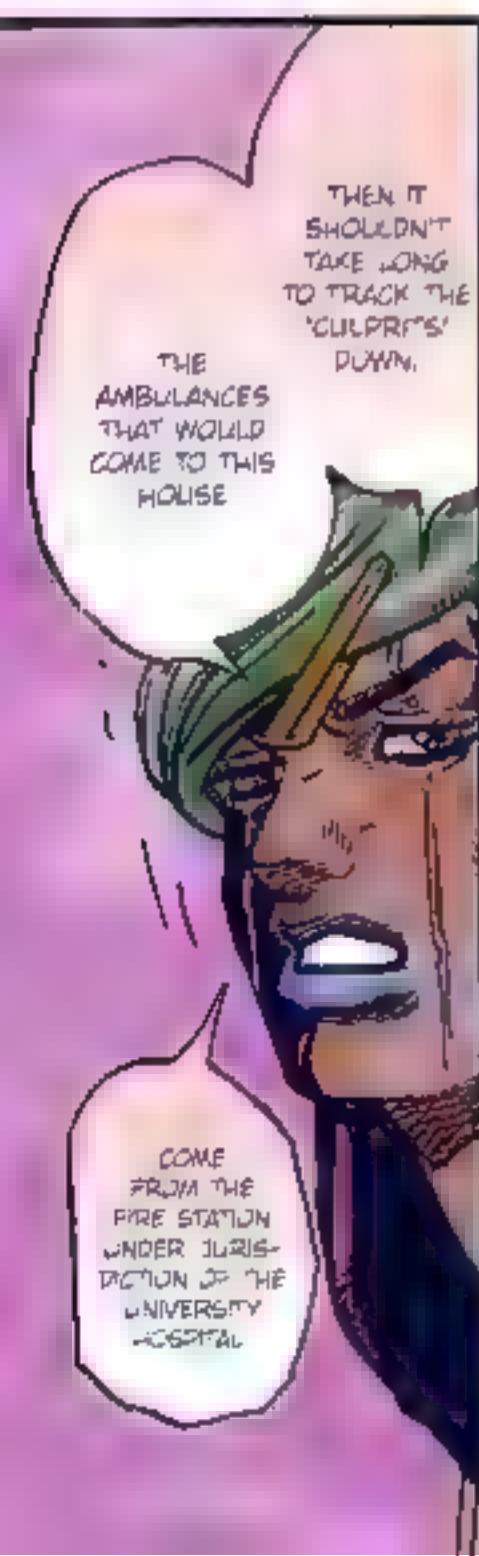
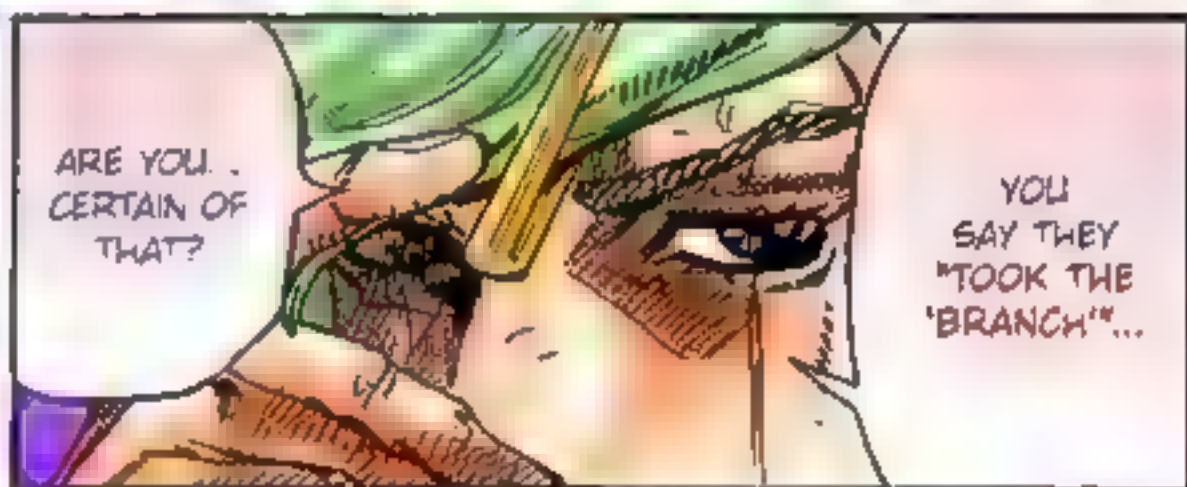
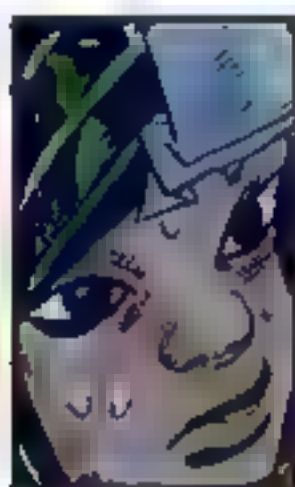
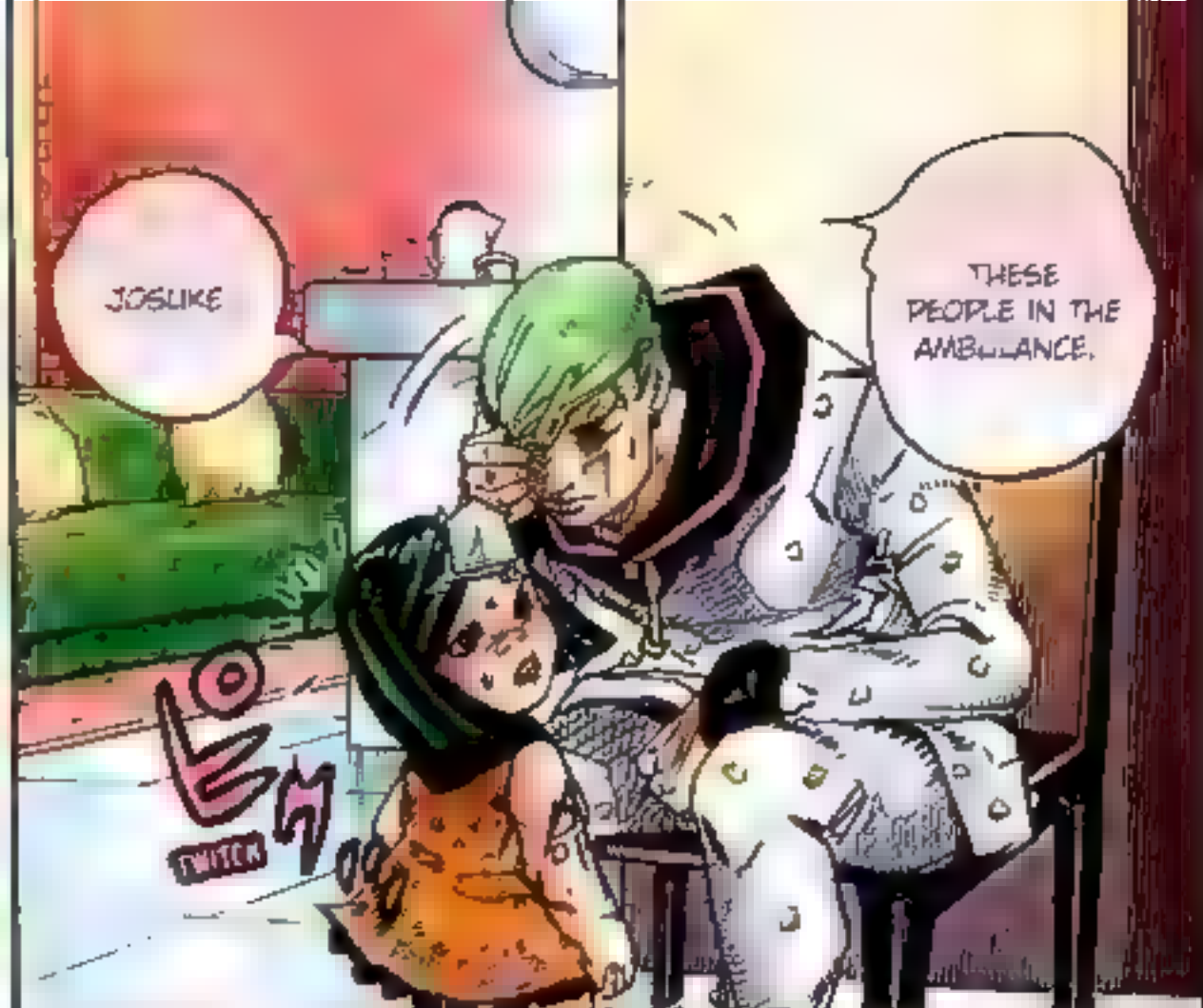




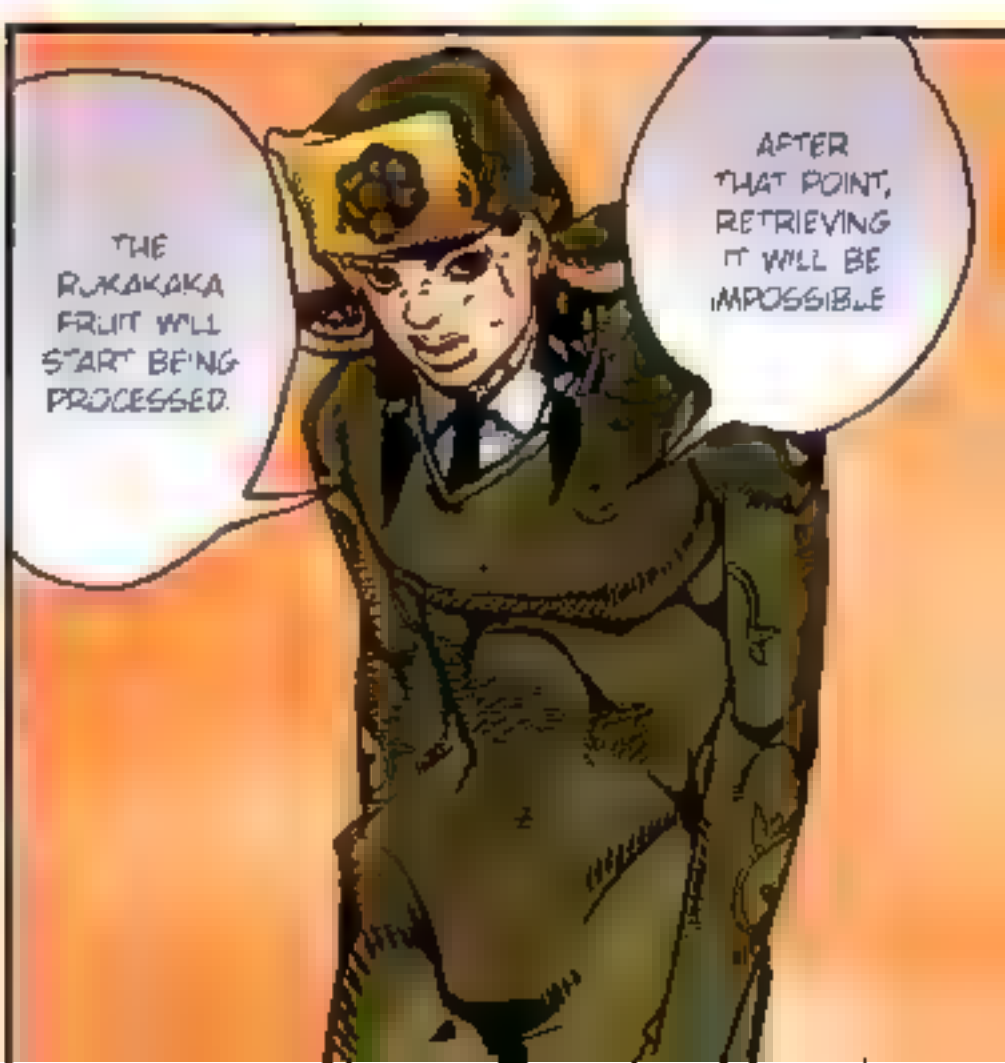
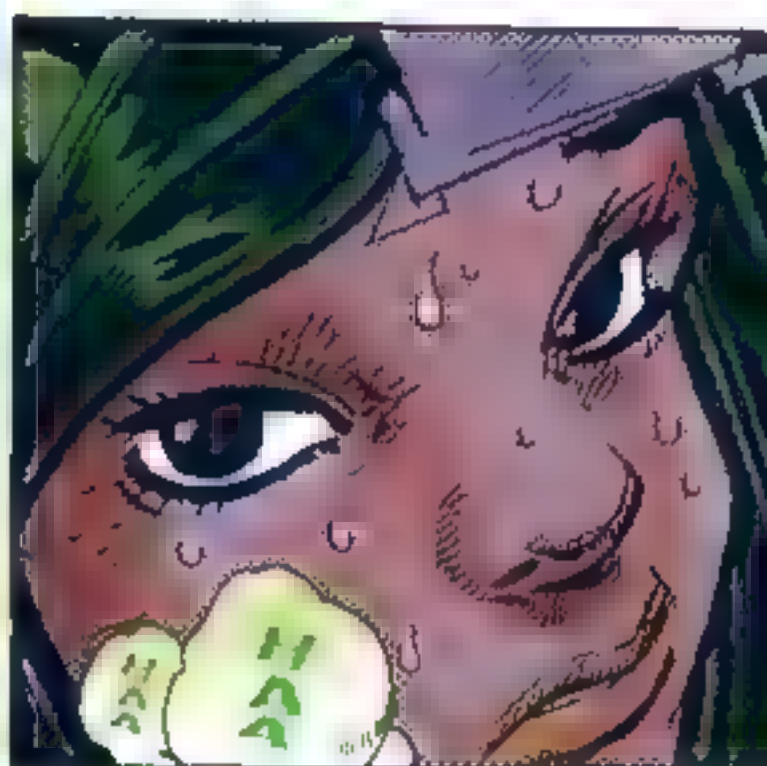
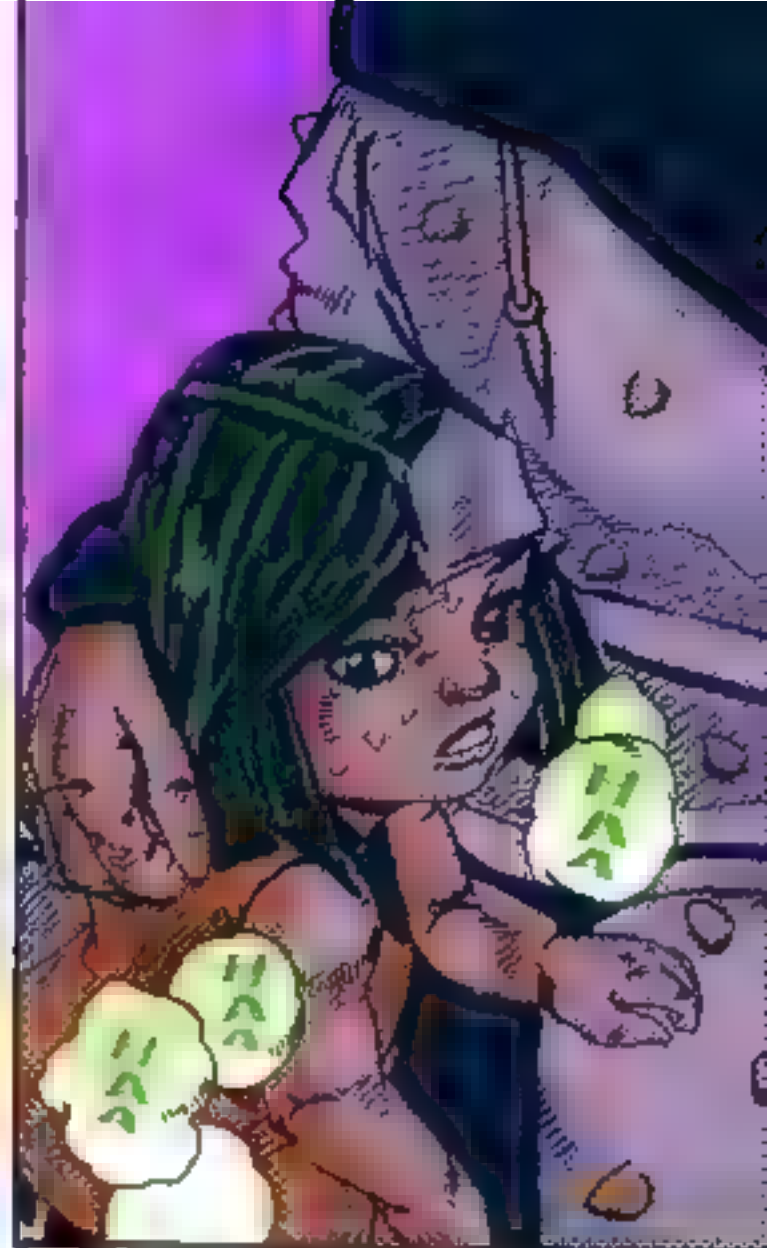




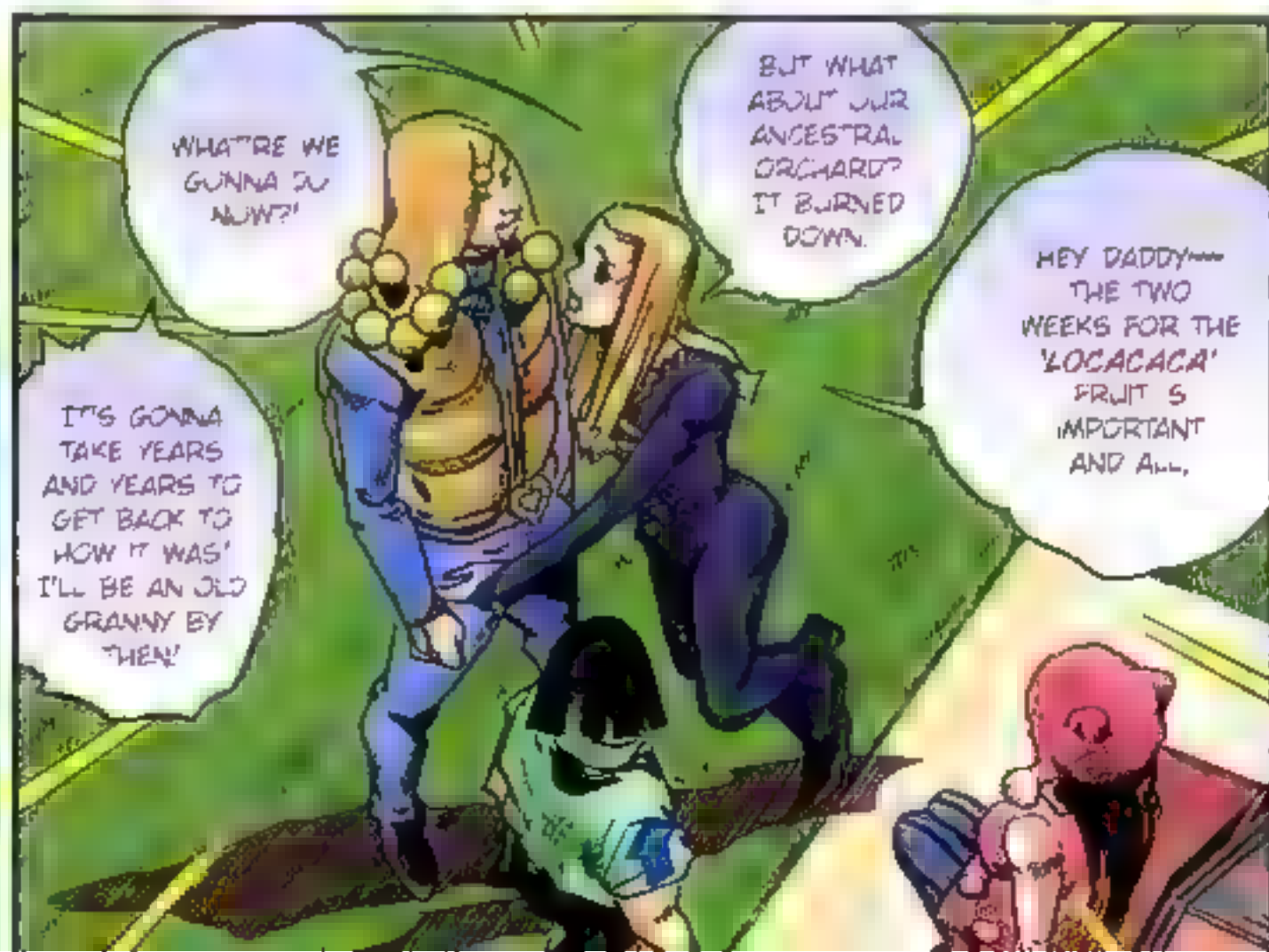
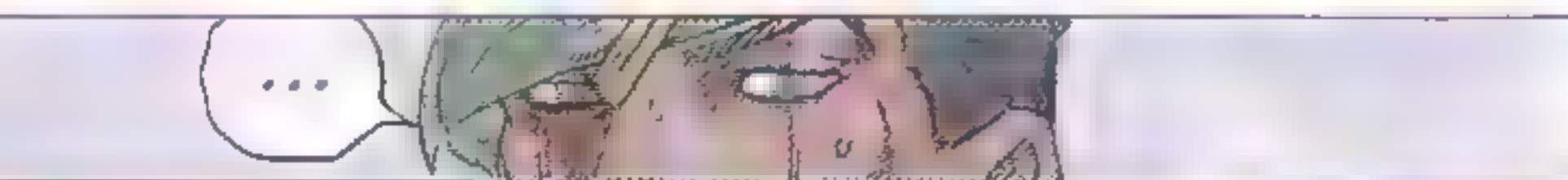
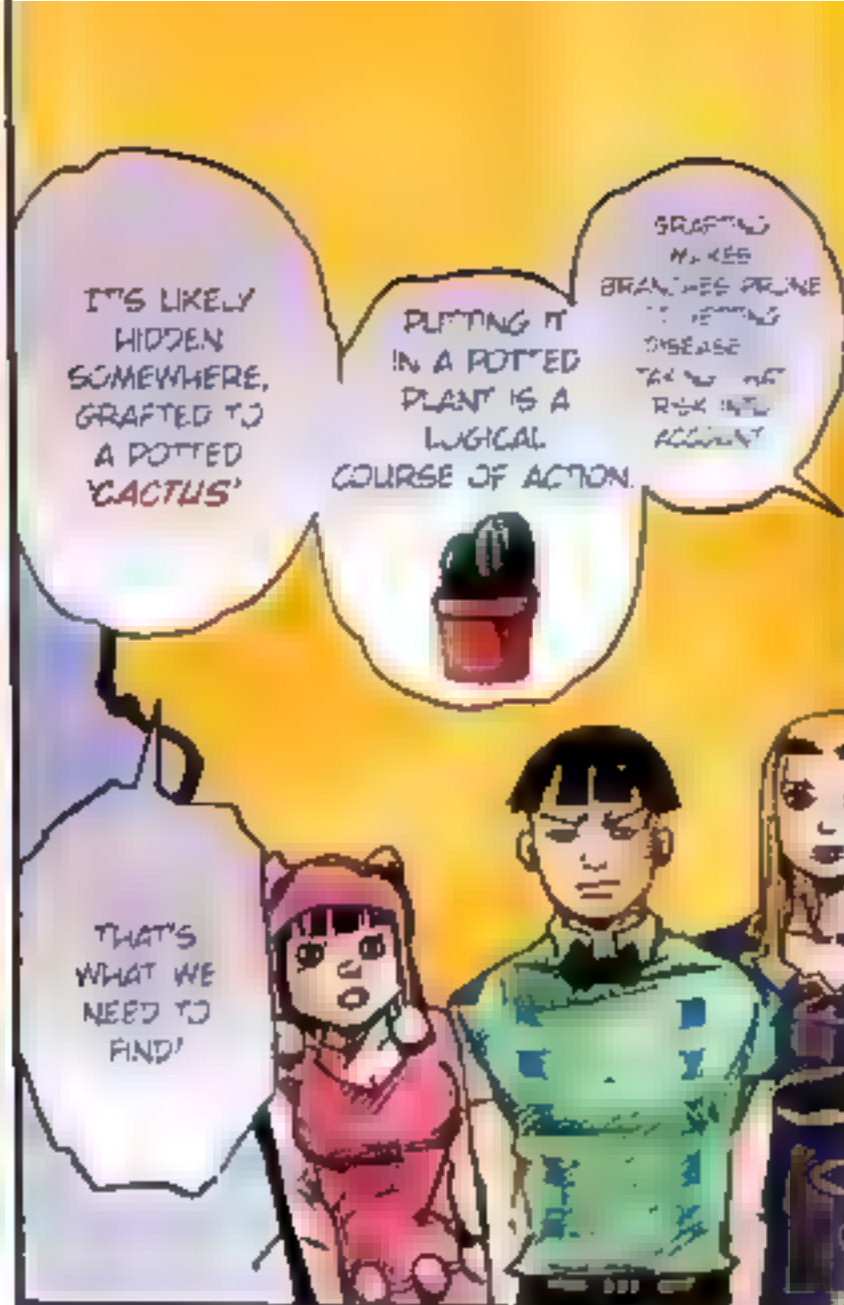
















HUUH?  
WHADDA  
YOU  
MEAN?



NEW  
BUSINESS?



WE CAN  
DO A NEW  
BUSINESS  
WITH THE  
BLUNT  
LAND.

SURE  
THERE  
WILL BE ANY  
MUSHROOMS  
IN THE  
JUNGLE OF THE  
BLUNT LAND

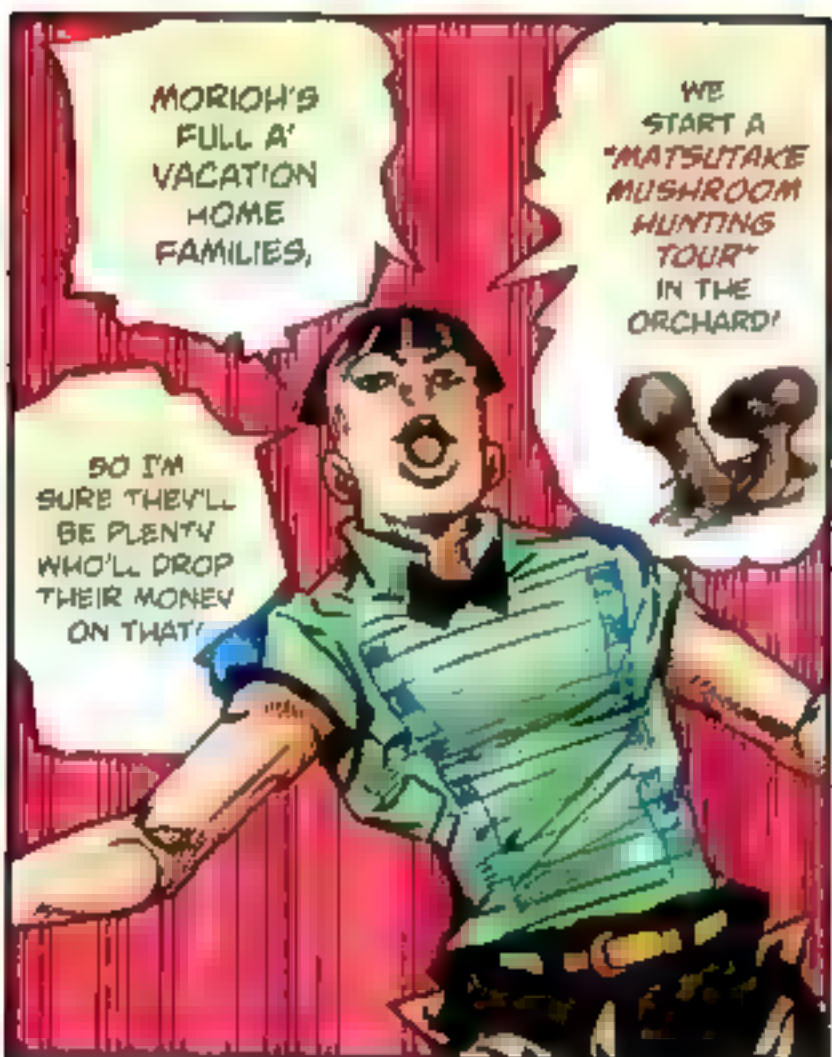
UNTIL  
NEW FRUIT  
TREES  
GROW



LISTEN  
TO ME~!

I'VE GOT  
AN IDEA  
THAT'LL PUT  
EVERYBODY'S  
MINDS AT  
EASE!

I'M THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
FAMILY SECOND  
SON THAT  
EVERYBODY  
COUNTS ON,  
AFTER ALL!



MORIOH'S  
FULL A'  
VACATION  
HOME  
FAMILIES,

WE  
START A  
"MATSUTAKE  
MUSHROOM  
HUNTING  
TOUR"  
IN THE  
ORCHARD!

SO I'M  
SURE THEY'LL  
BE PLENTY  
WHO'LL DROP  
THEIR MONEY  
ON THAT!



WE JUST  
GOTTA STICK  
FOUR OR FIVE  
UNDER SOME  
LEAVES SOME-  
WHERE

IT'S A TOUR  
WHERE YOU  
SEARCH OUT  
A TARGET!

LIKE  
MAYBE  
SOME  
FROM  
CHINA.

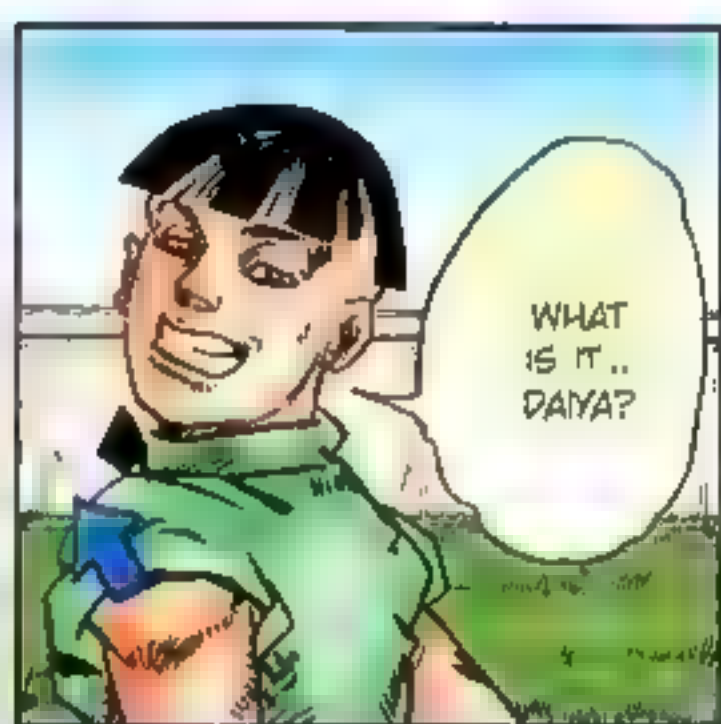


ARE  
THERE ANY  
"MATSUTAKE  
MUSHROOMS"  
GROWING  
ON OUR  
LAND?

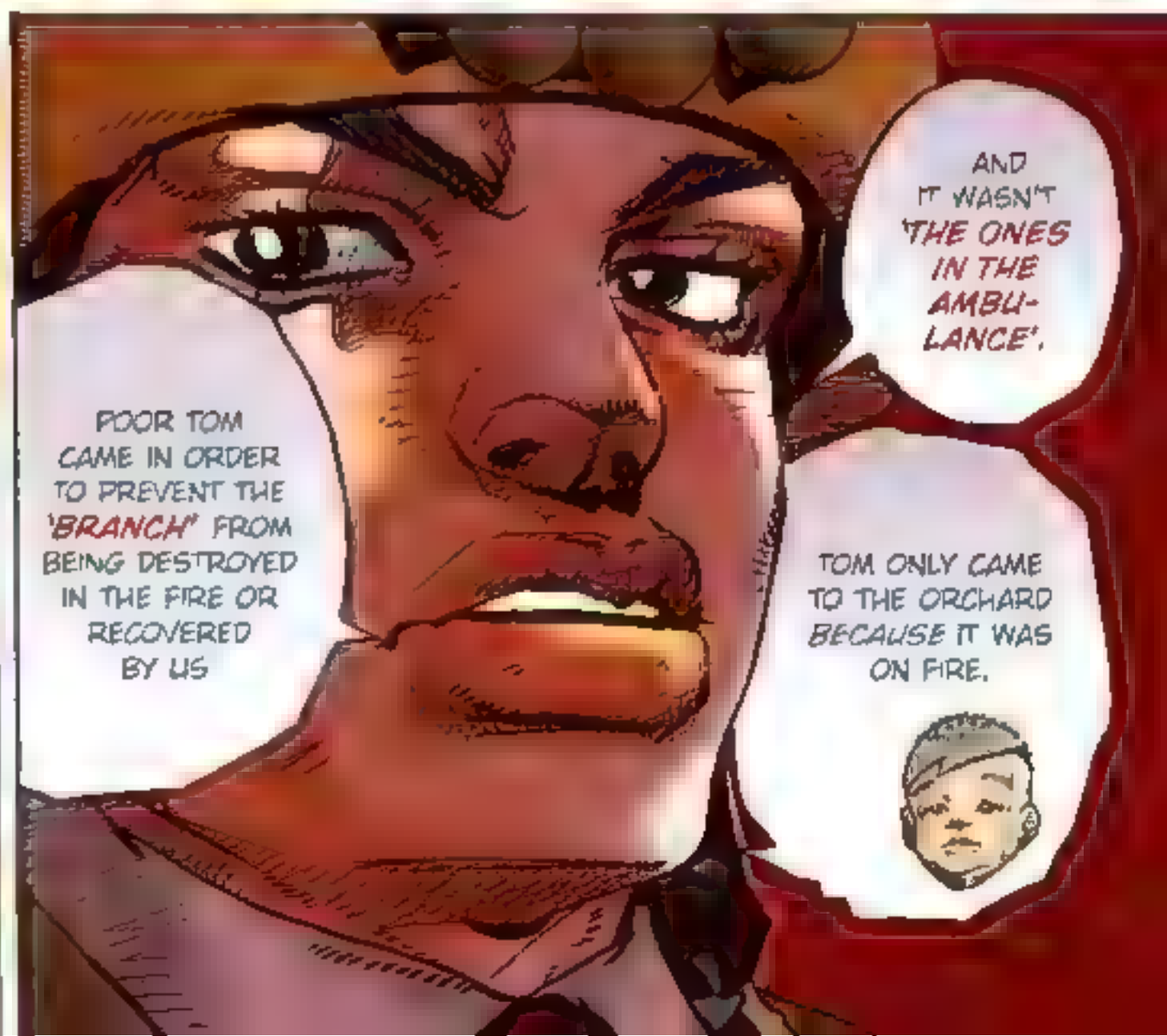
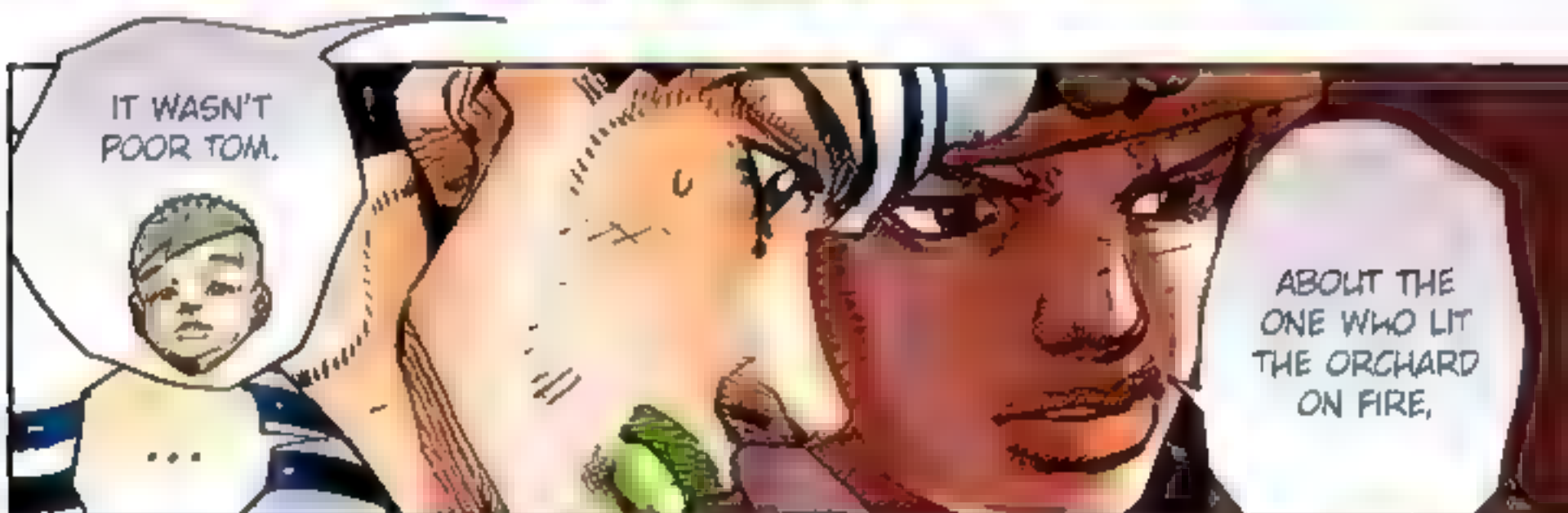
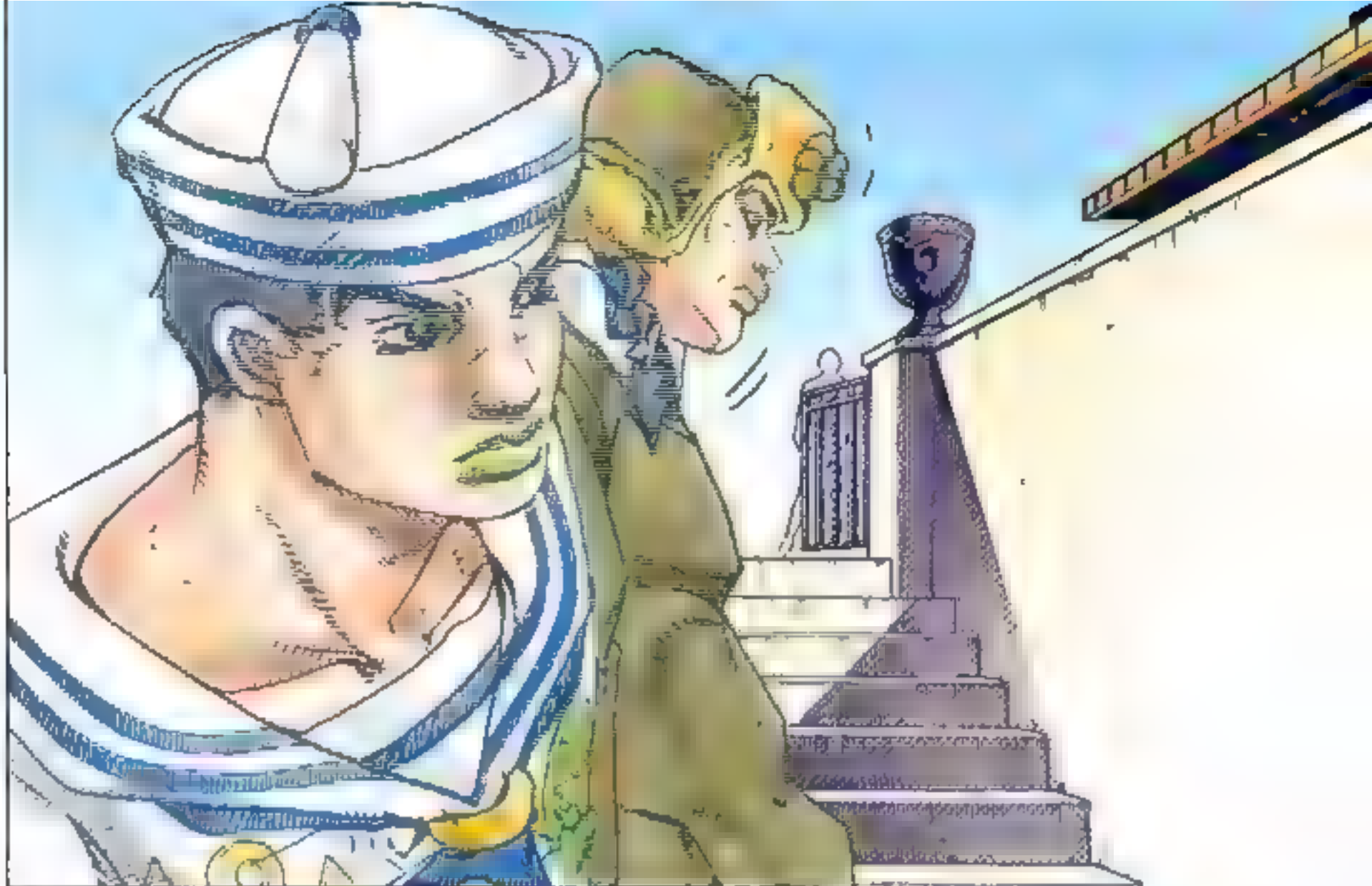


MUSHROOM  
HUNTING?













THE  
CULPRIT IS  
"JOBIN".

AFTER SEEING  
THE WHOLE FAMILY  
TOGETHER JUST  
NOW I'VE FIGURED  
IT OUT

"JOBIN"  
LIT THE  
ORCHARD  
ON FIRE.



WHO'RE YOU  
SAYING LIT  
THE FIRE?

IT WASN'T  
POOR TOM...?  
THEN,  
MAMEZUKU-  
SAN,



WHAT...?



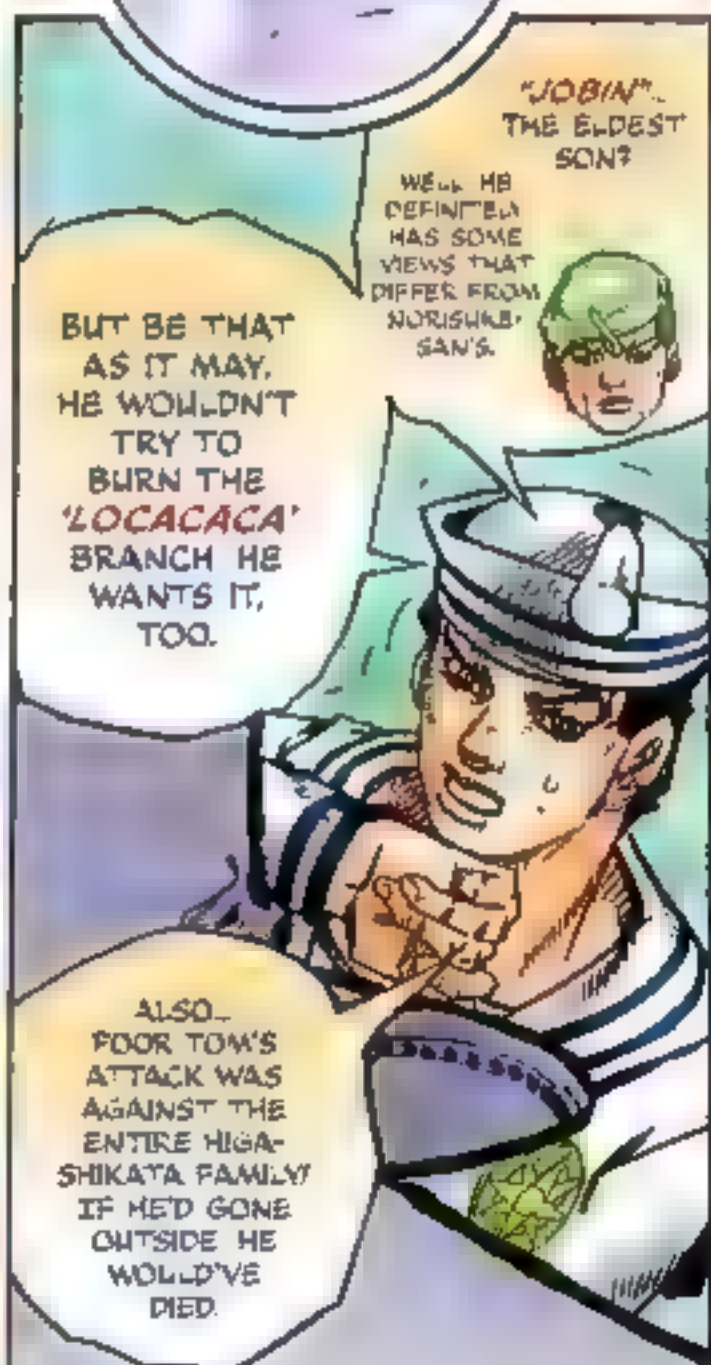
WE CAN'T  
TRUST THAT  
ELDEST  
SON

I CAN'T  
PROVE IT  
BUT I KNOW  
SOMETHING  
WAS GOING  
ON...

I COULD  
TELL BY HIS  
ATTITUDE AND  
HOW HE TALKED.  
JOBIN LIT  
THE FIRE'.



AND THE  
BRANCH WAS TAKEN!  
IF HE'D VENTURED  
OUTSIDE AT ALL  
THOUGH A WINDOW  
OR A DOOR JOBIN  
WOULD'VE DIED  
IMMEDIATELY!



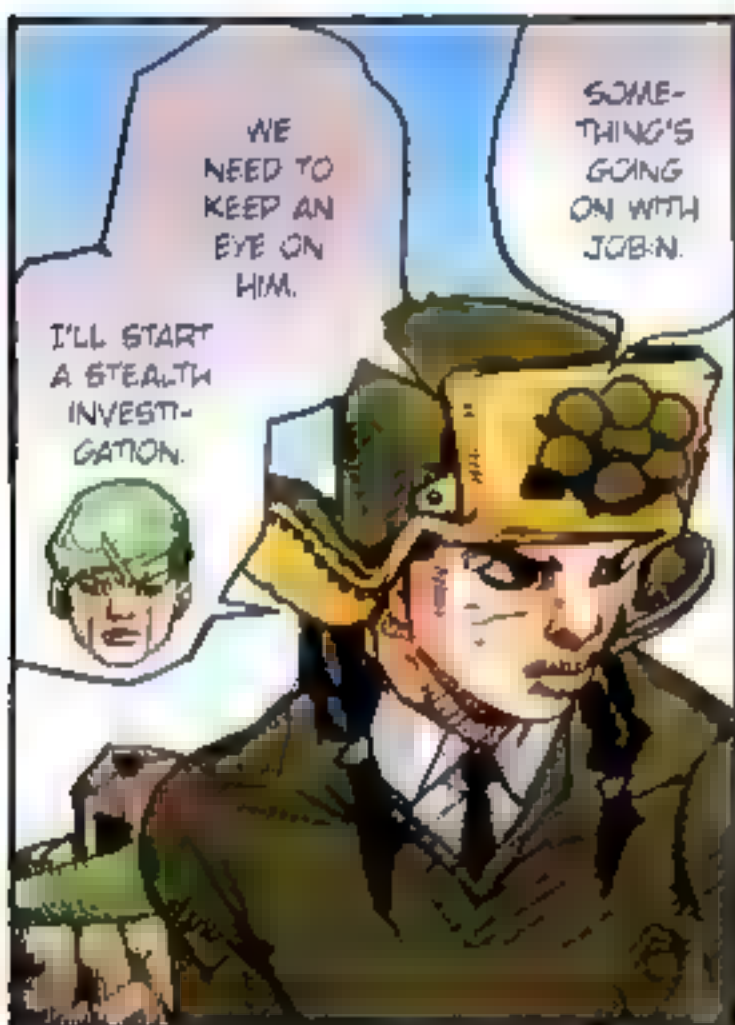
"JOBIN".  
THE ELDEST  
SON?

WELL HE  
DEFINITELY  
HAS SOME  
VIEWS THAT  
DIFFER FROM  
NORISUKI-  
SAN'S.

BUT BE THAT  
AS IT MAY,  
HE WOULDN'T  
TRY TO  
BURN THE  
'LOCACACA'  
BRANCH HE  
WANTS IT,  
TOO.

ALSO...  
POOR TOM'S  
ATTACK WAS  
AGAINST THE  
ENTIRE HIGA-  
SHIKATA FAMILY!  
IF HE'D GONE  
OUTSIDE HE  
WOULD'VE  
DIED.

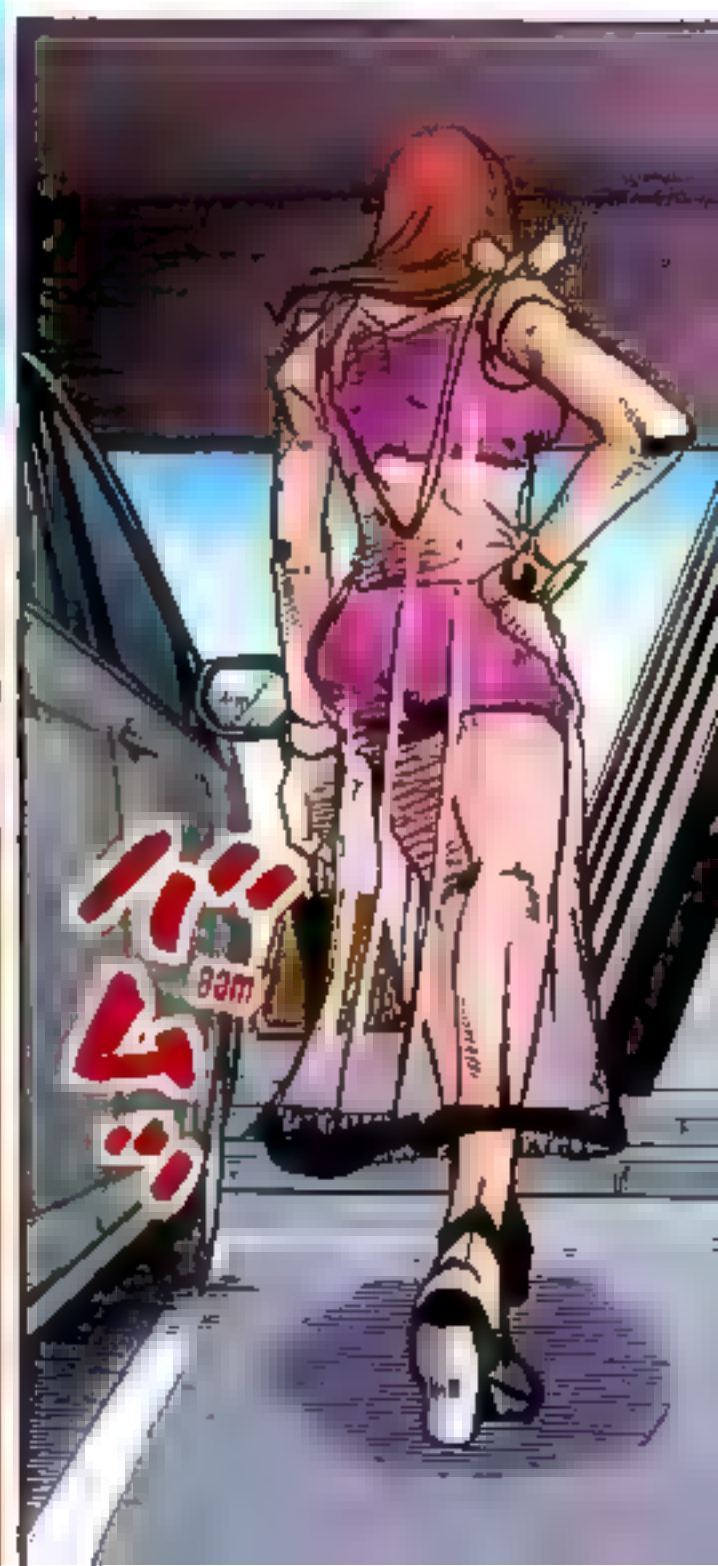
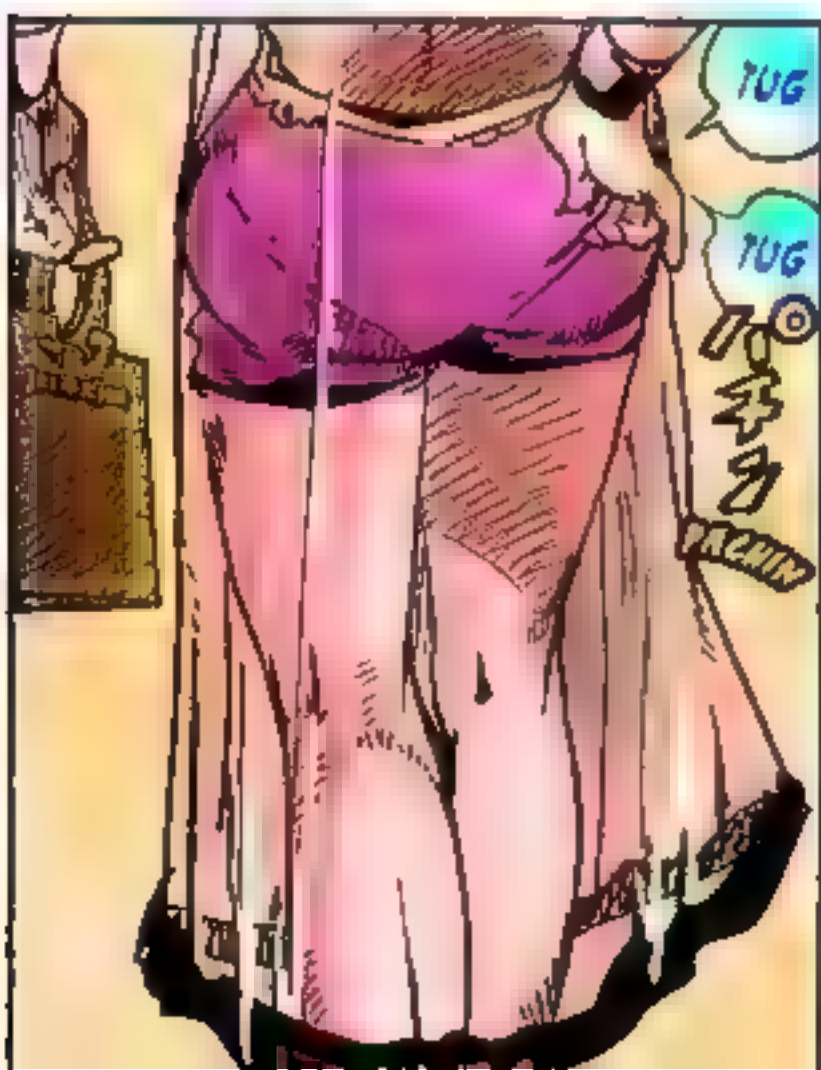
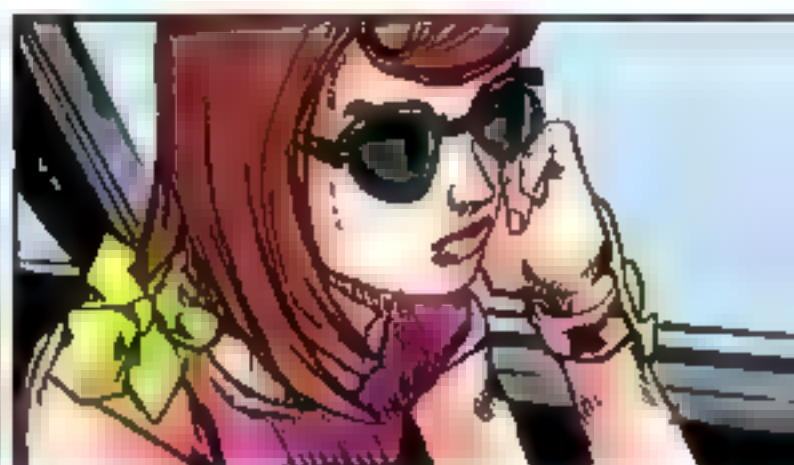
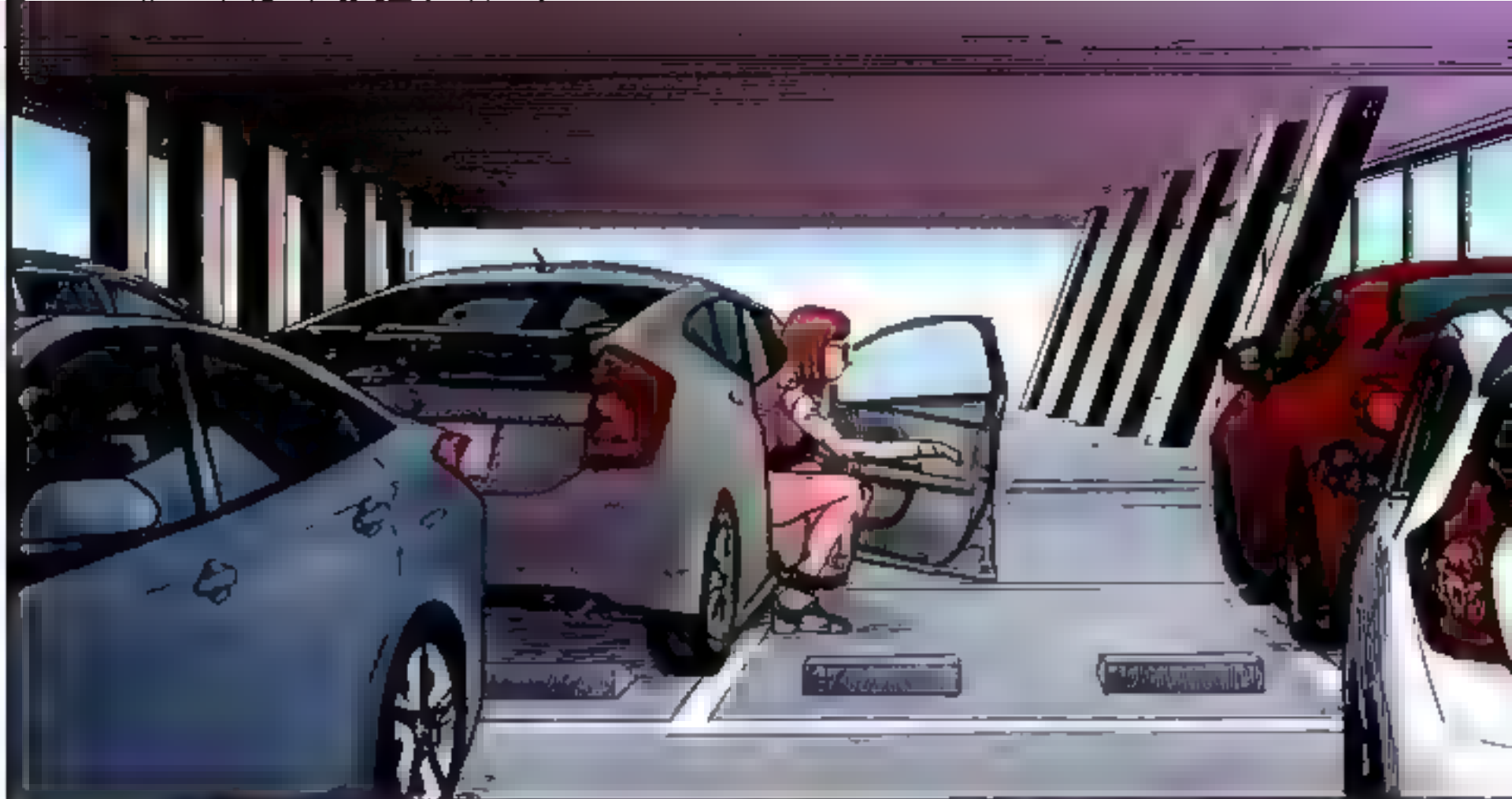




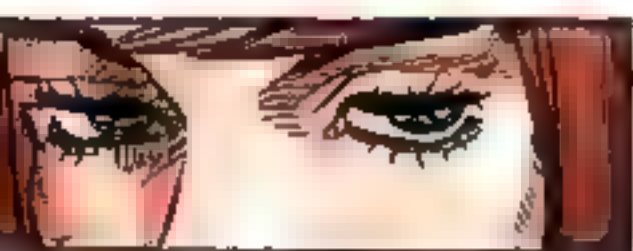
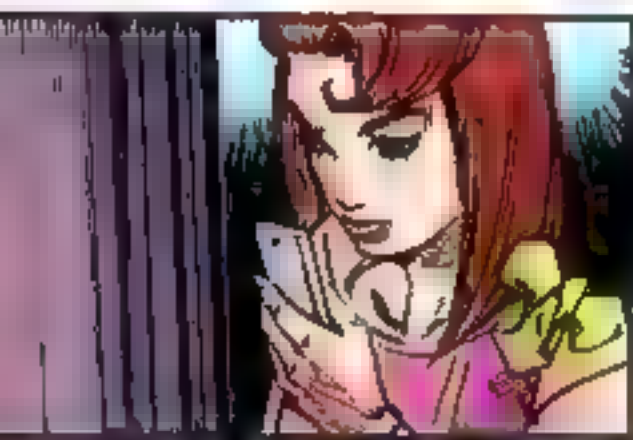




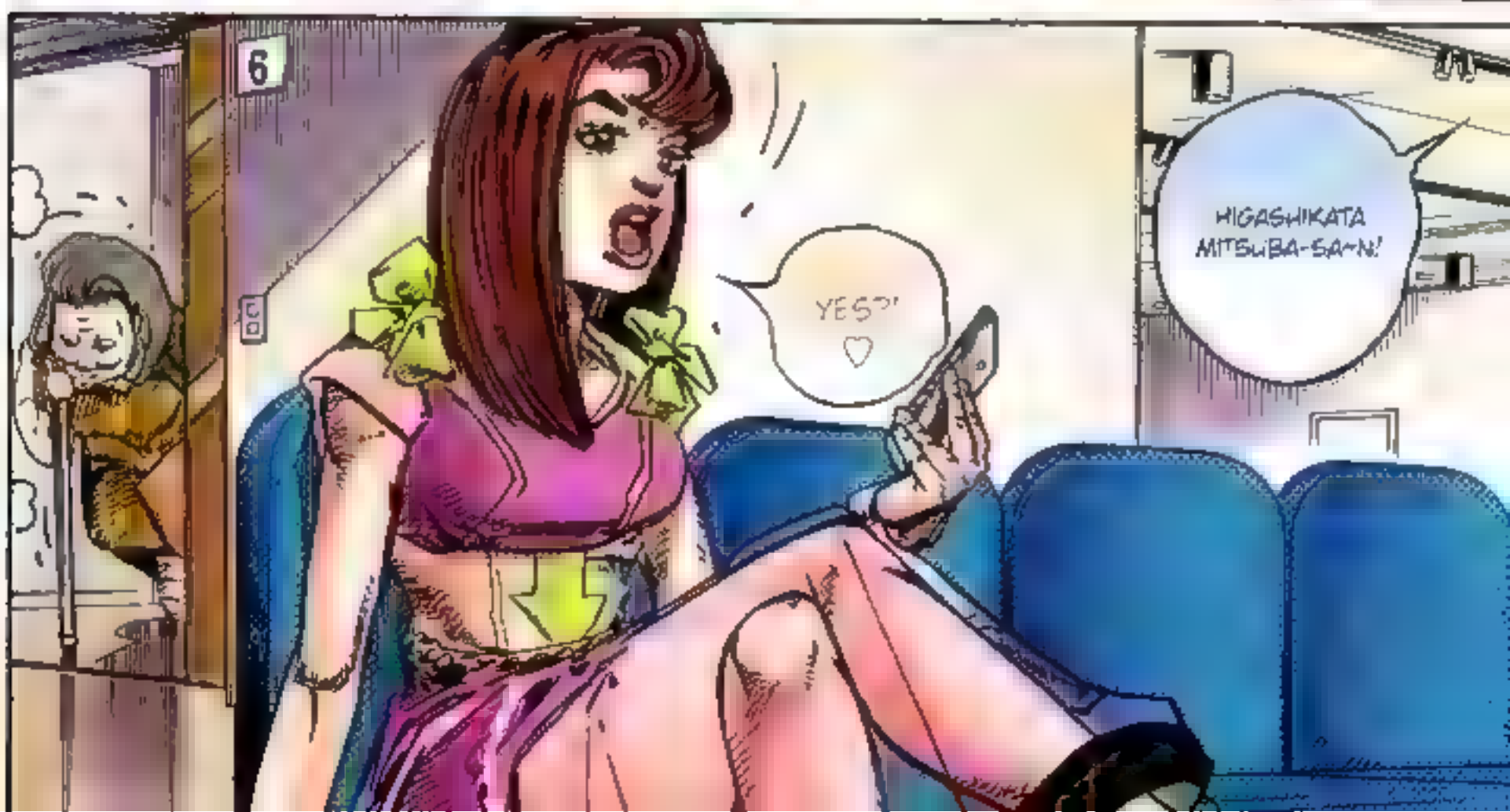
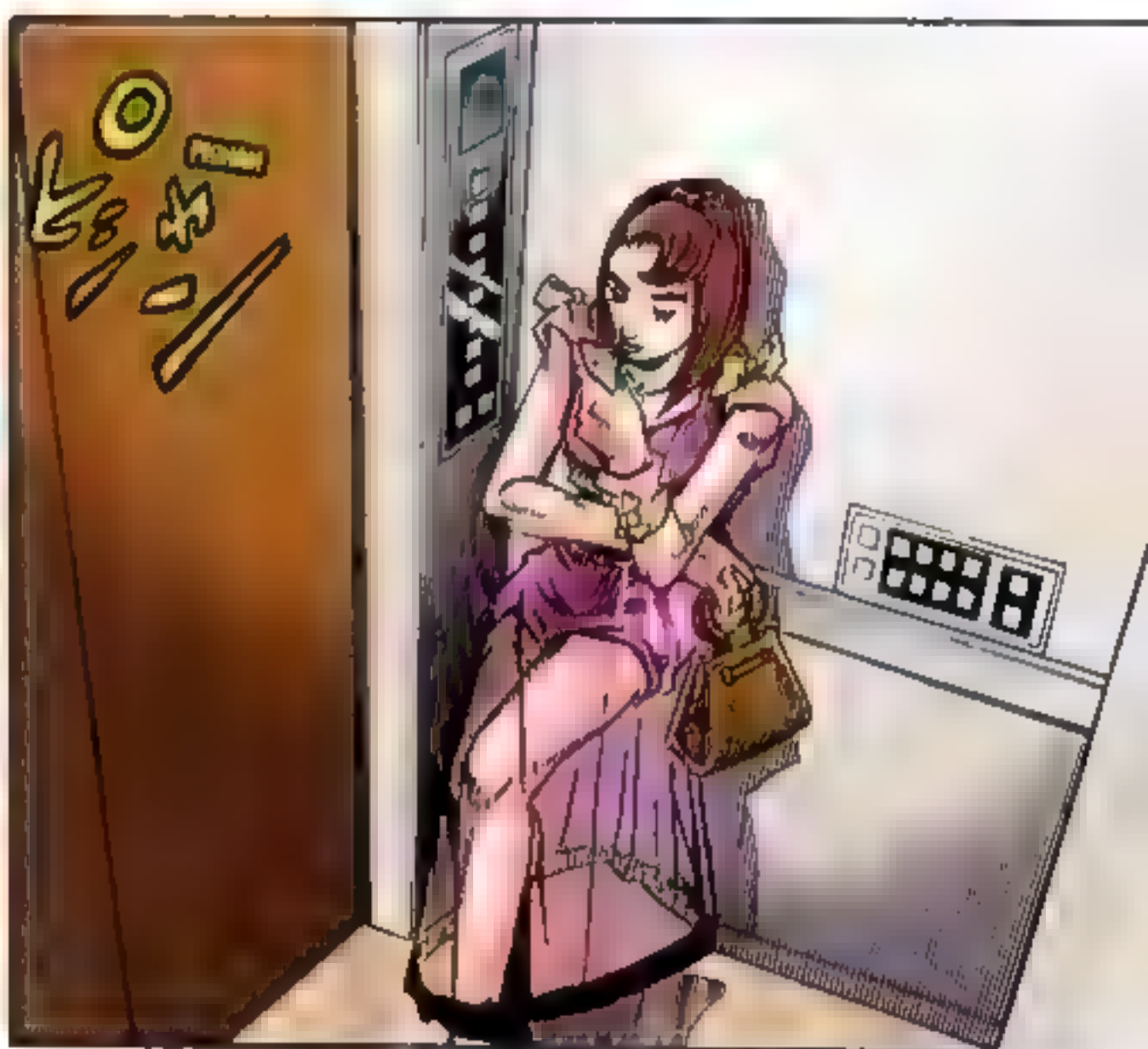
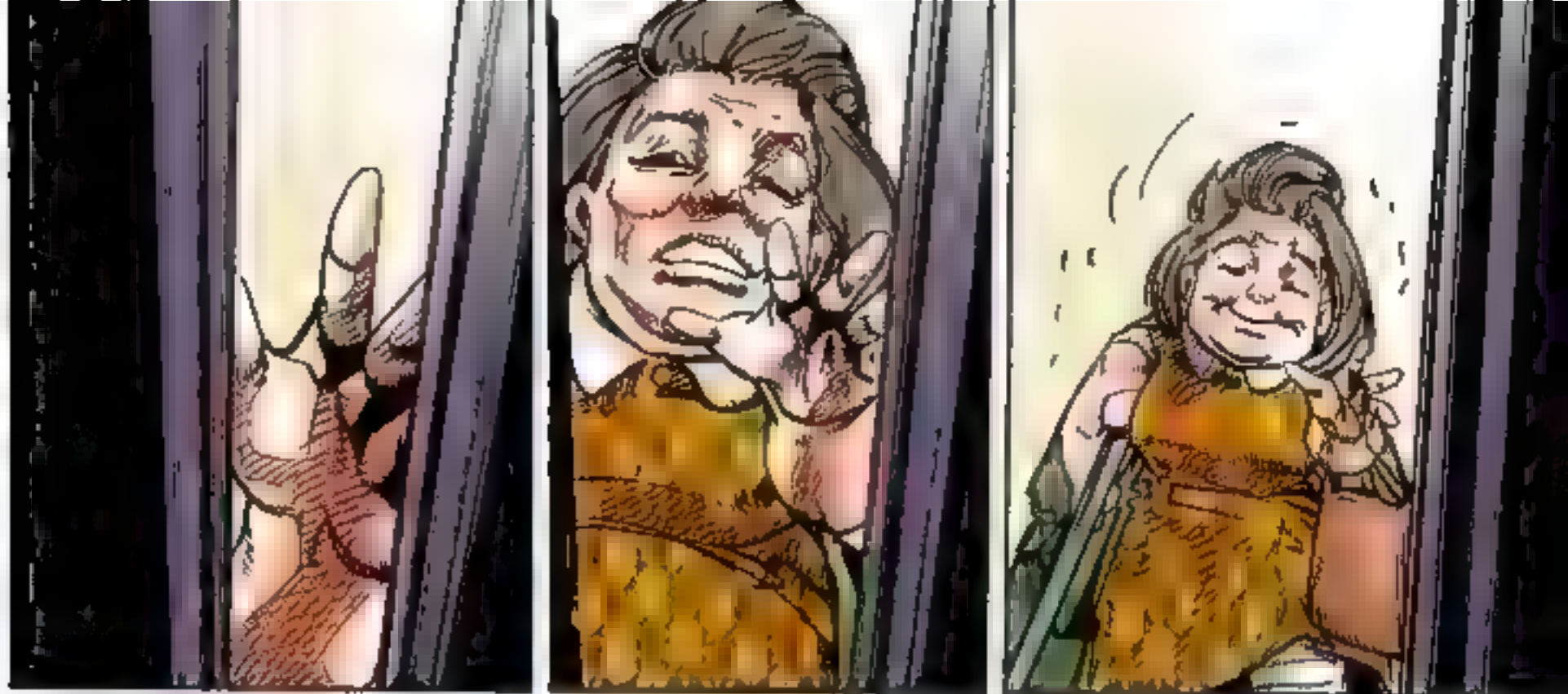




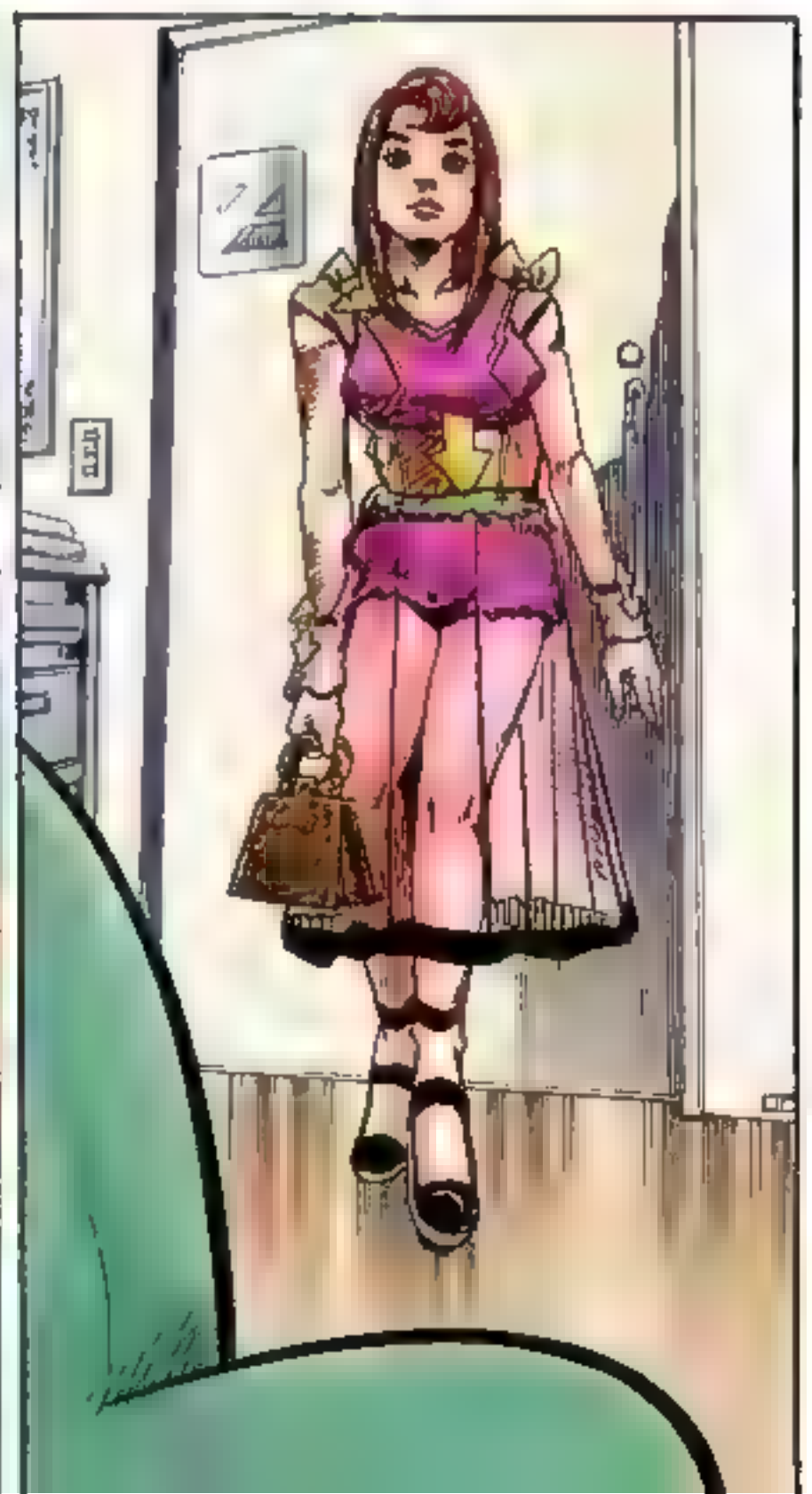
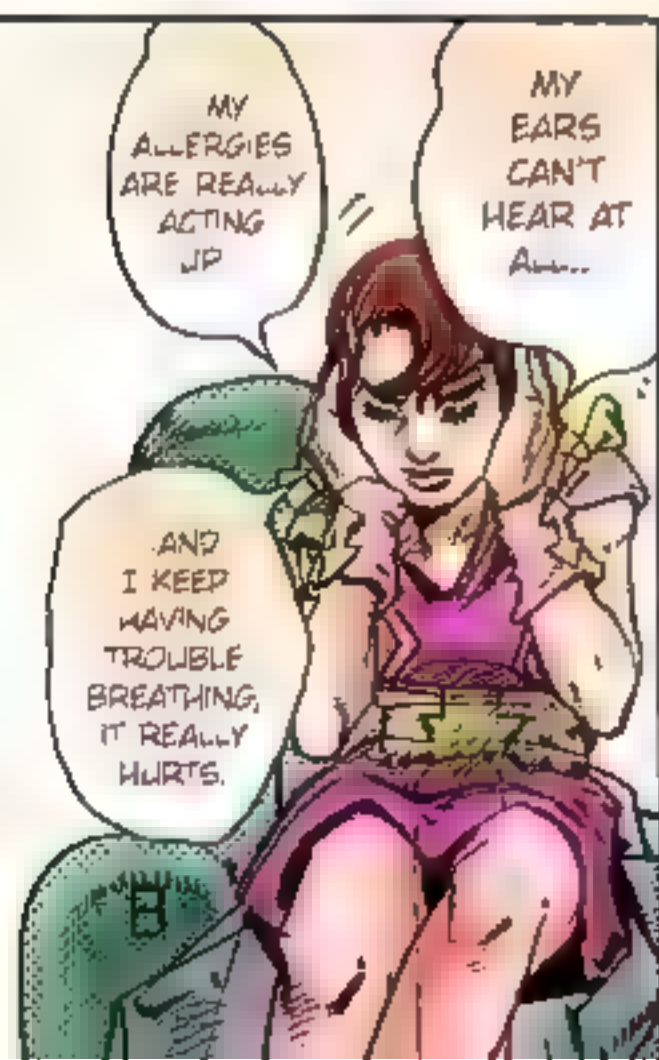
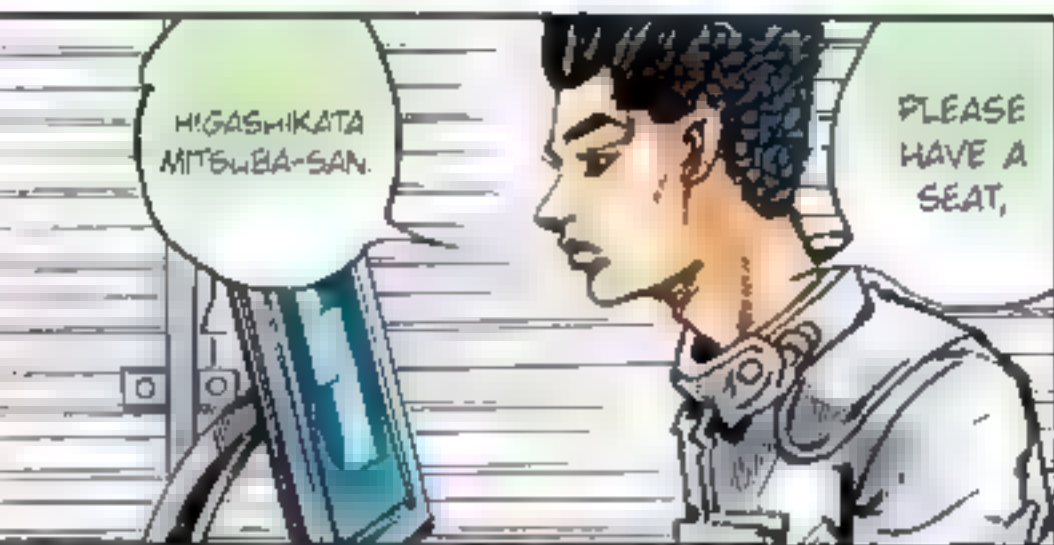
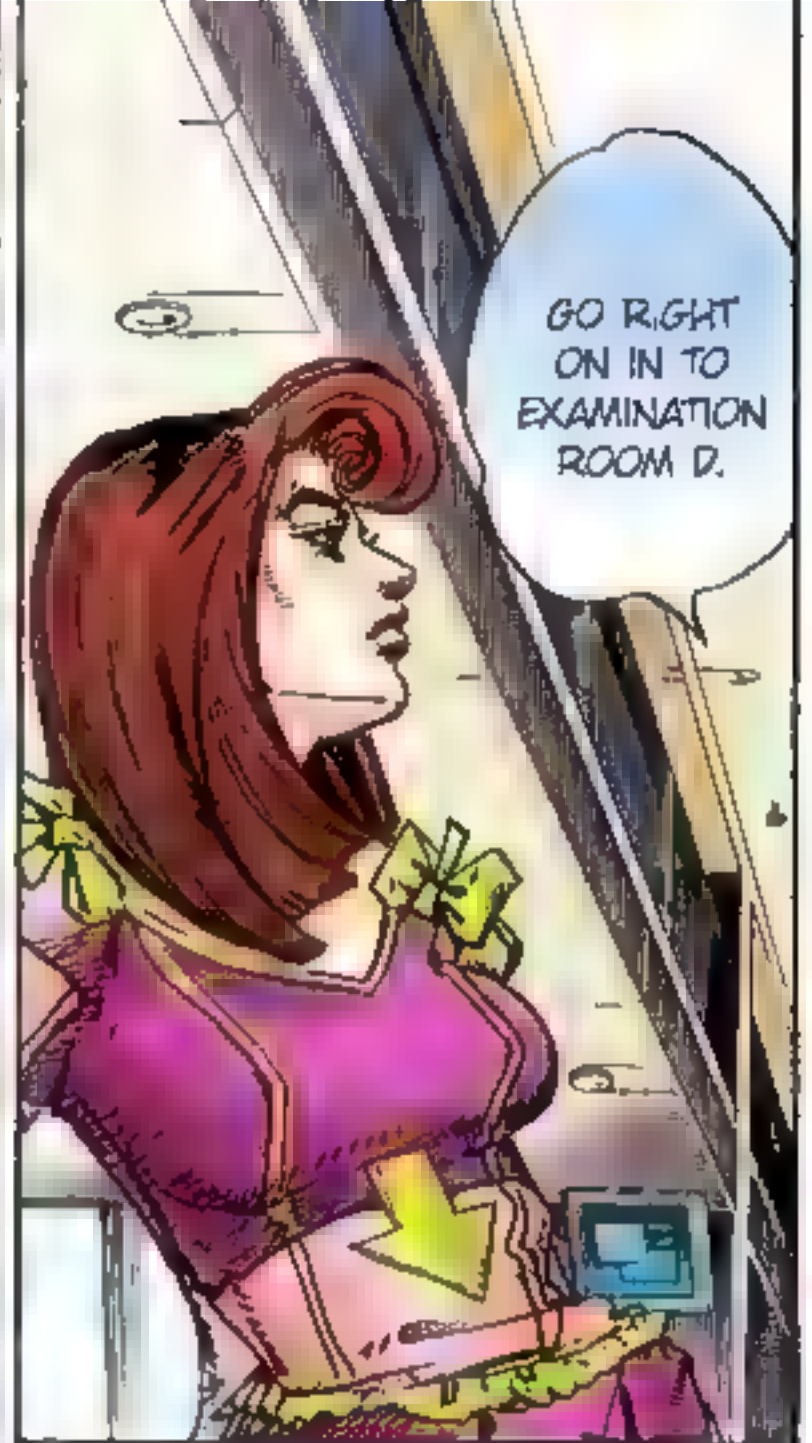




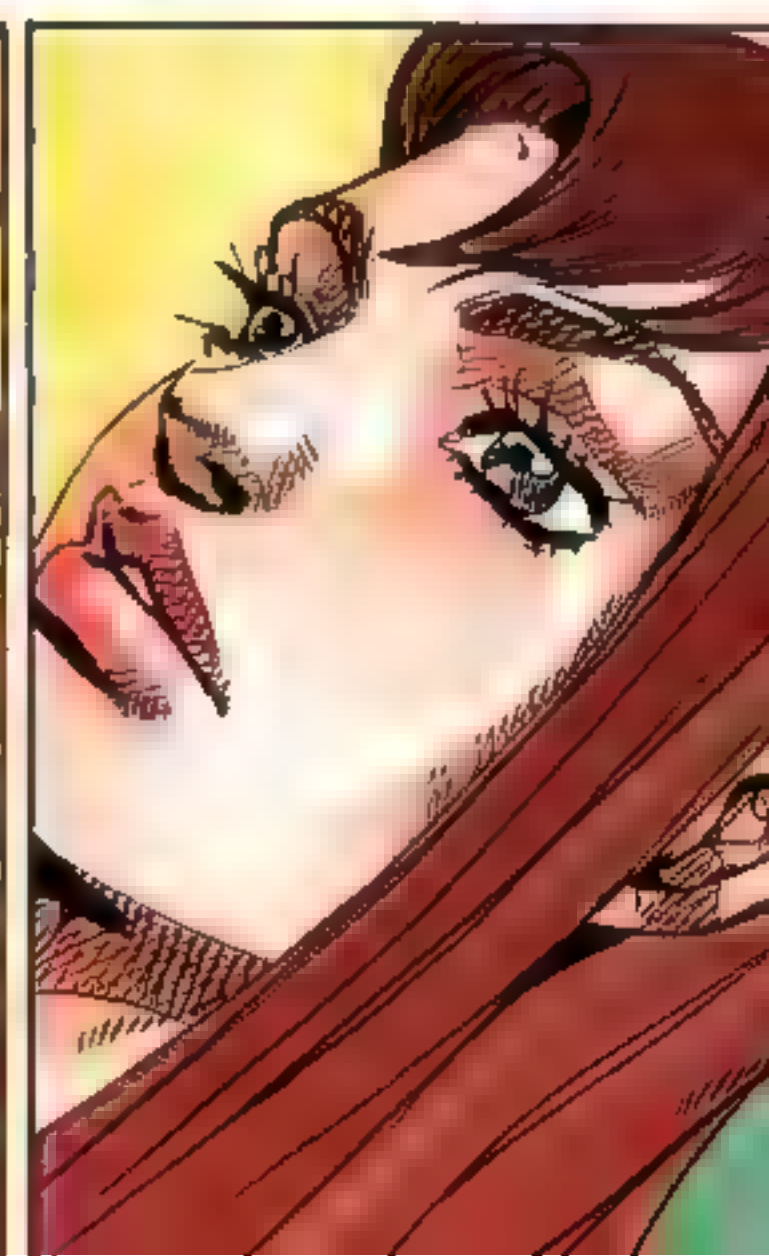
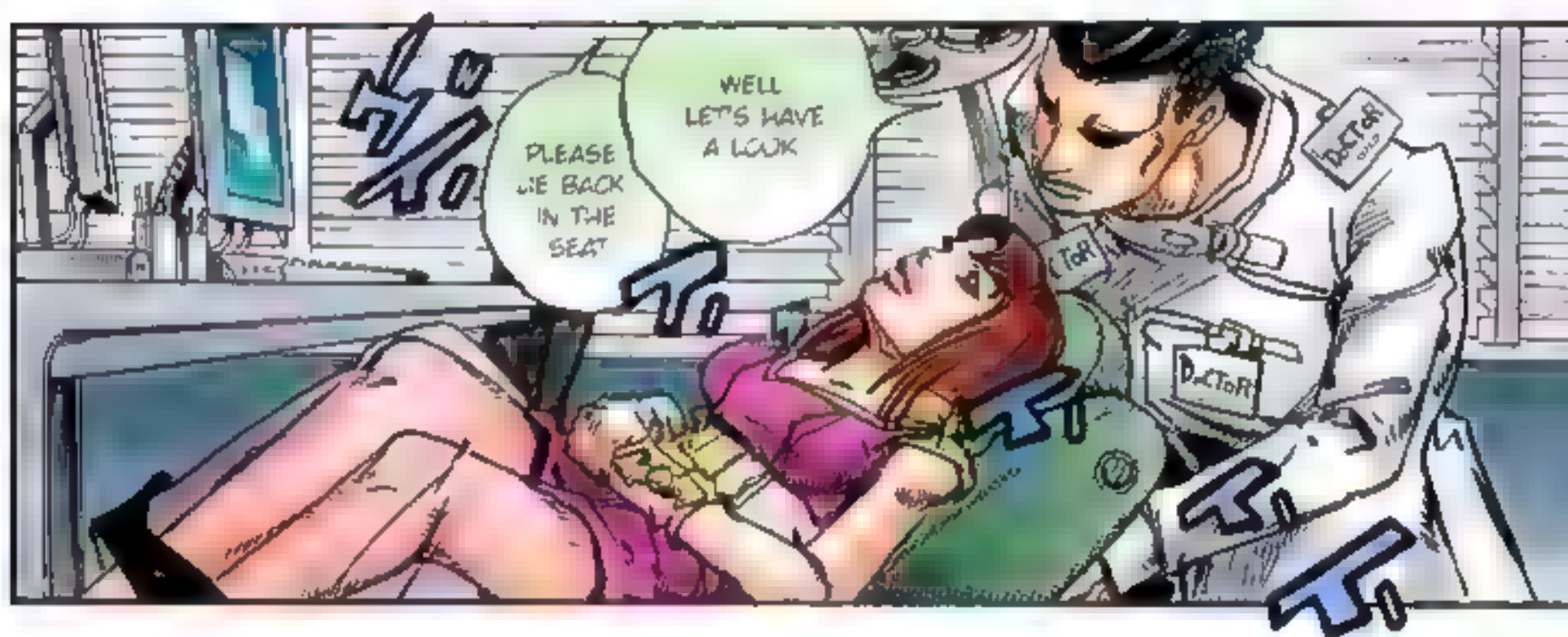
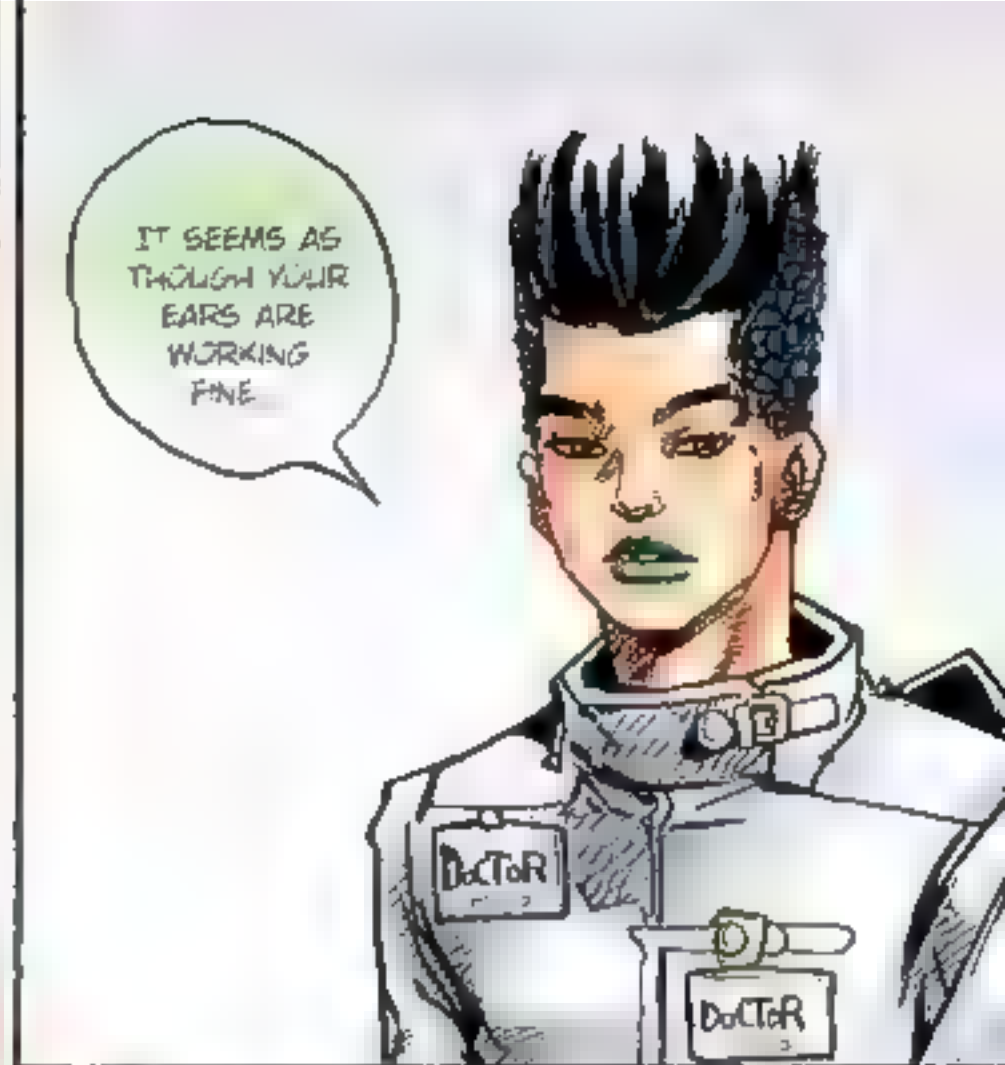
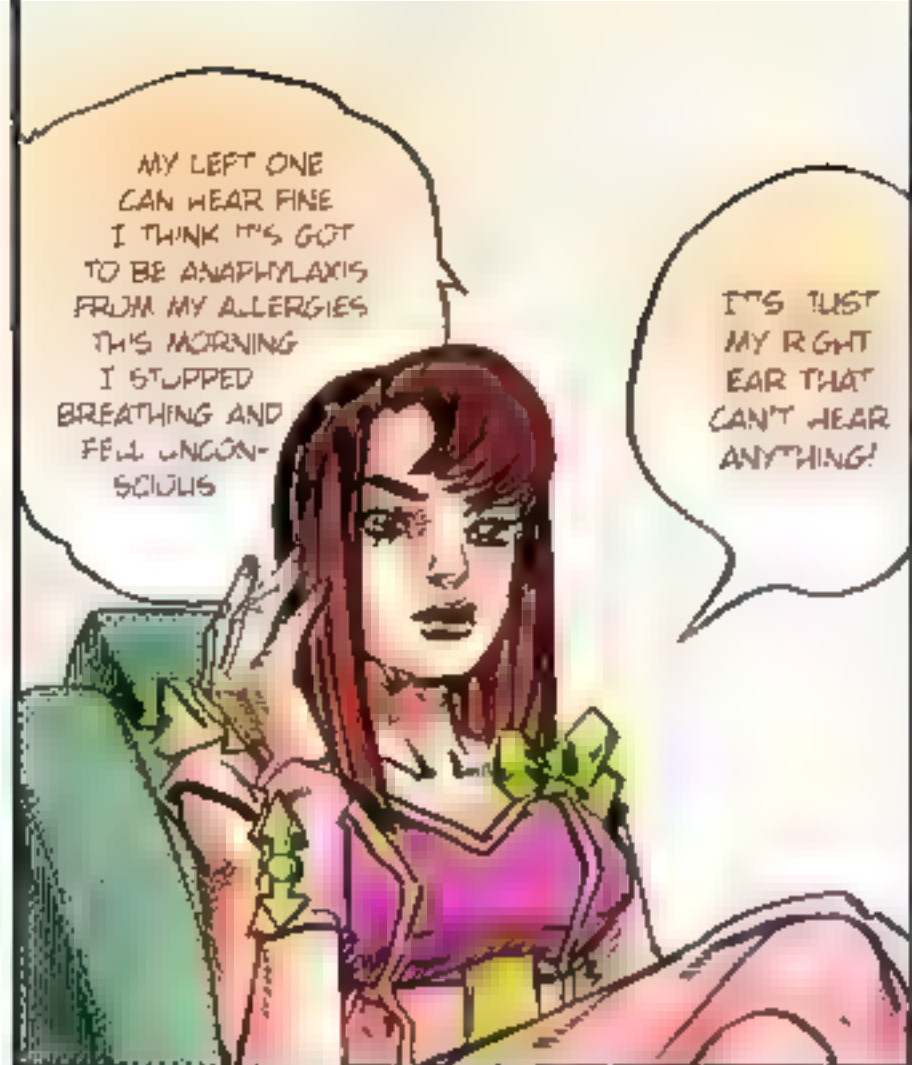




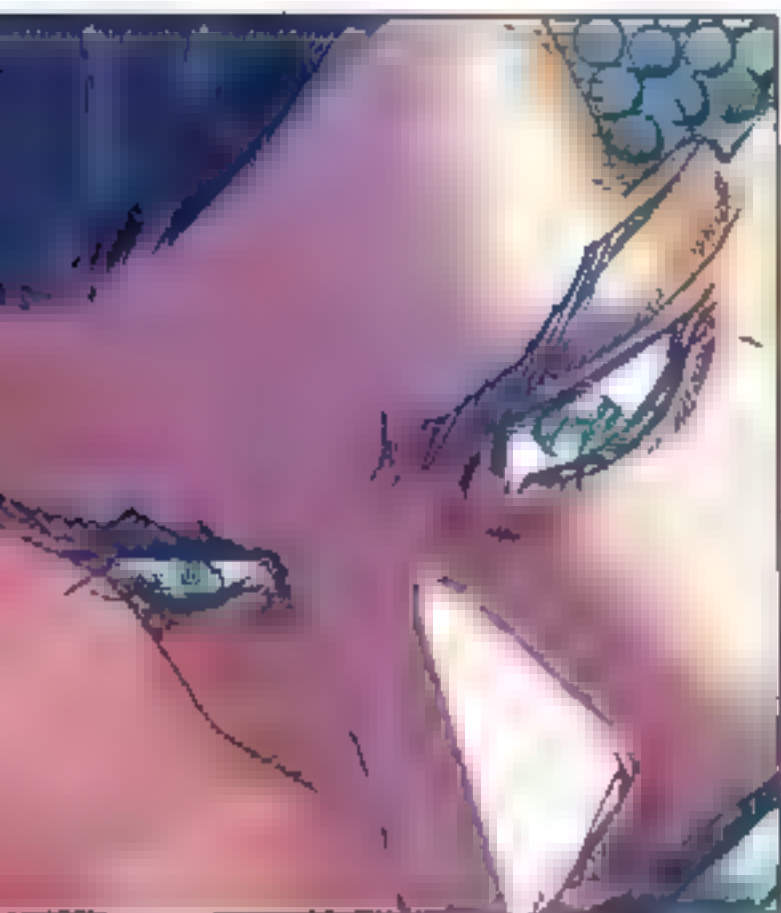
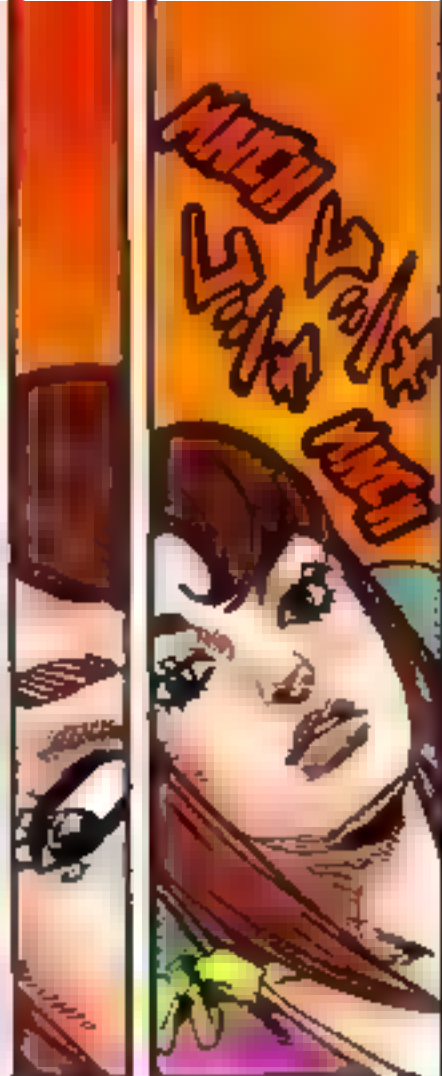




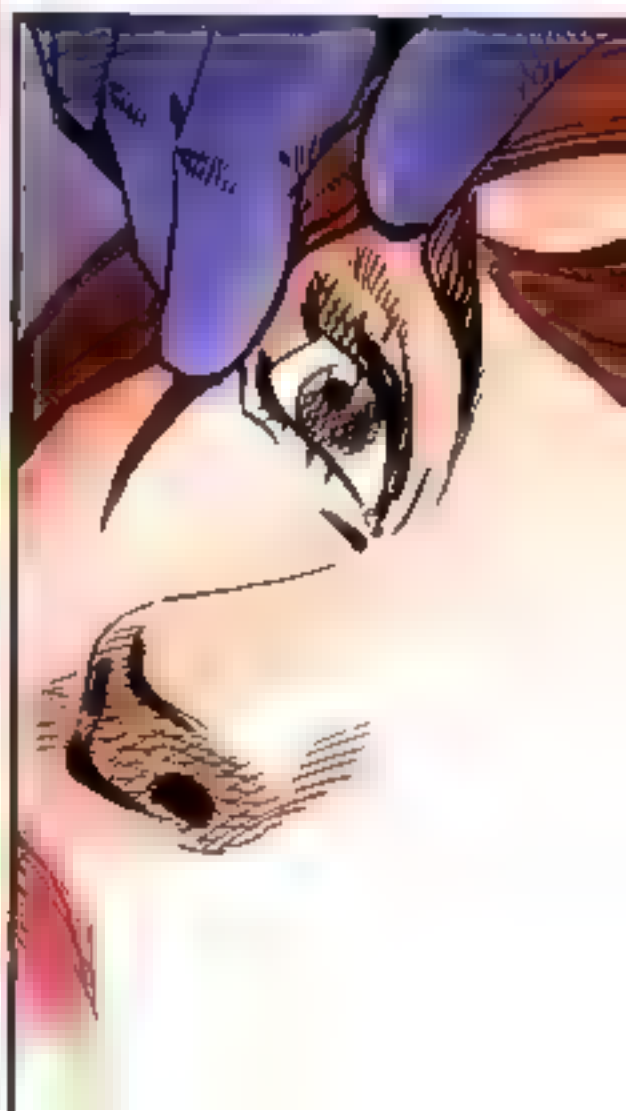
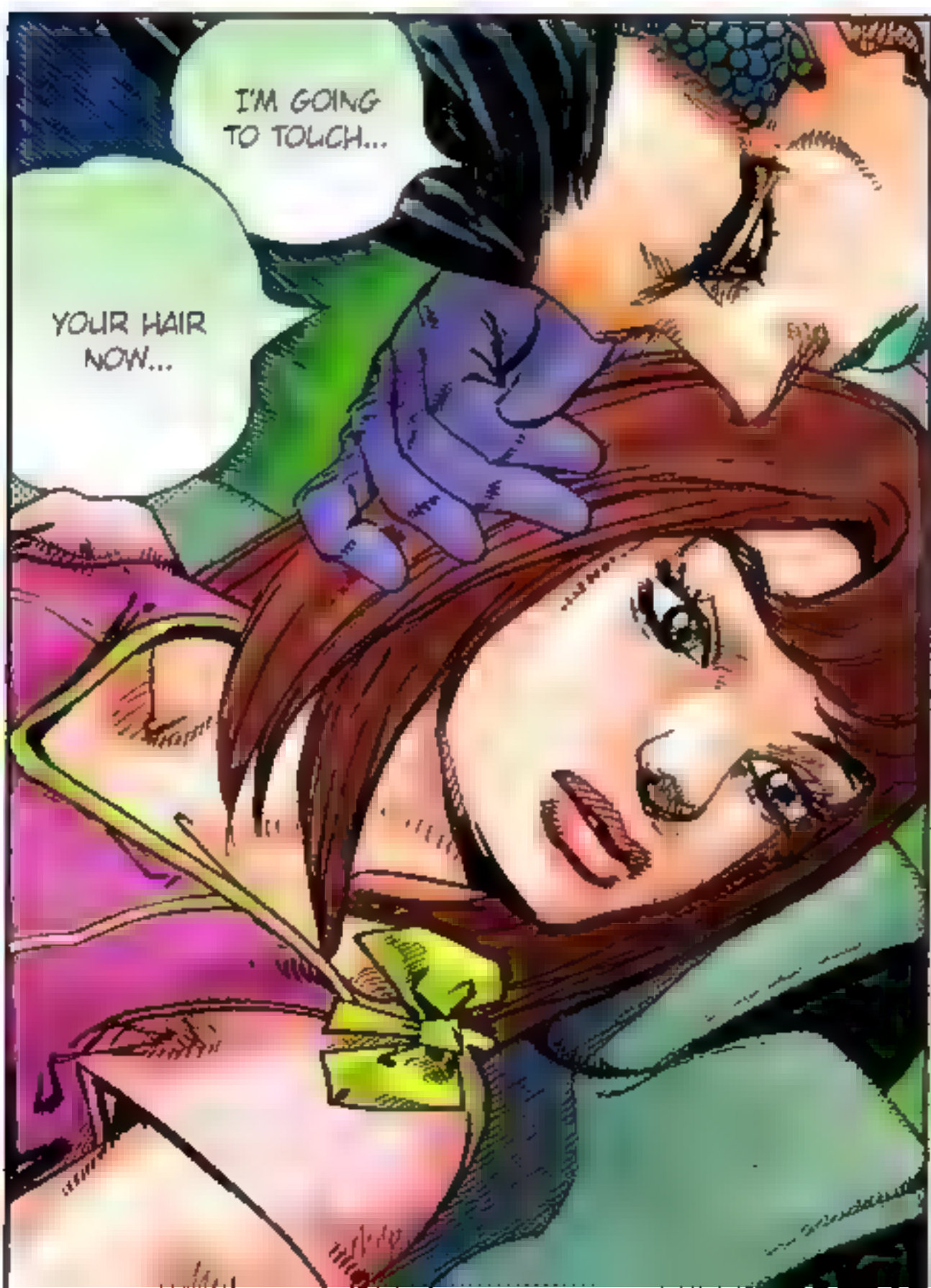
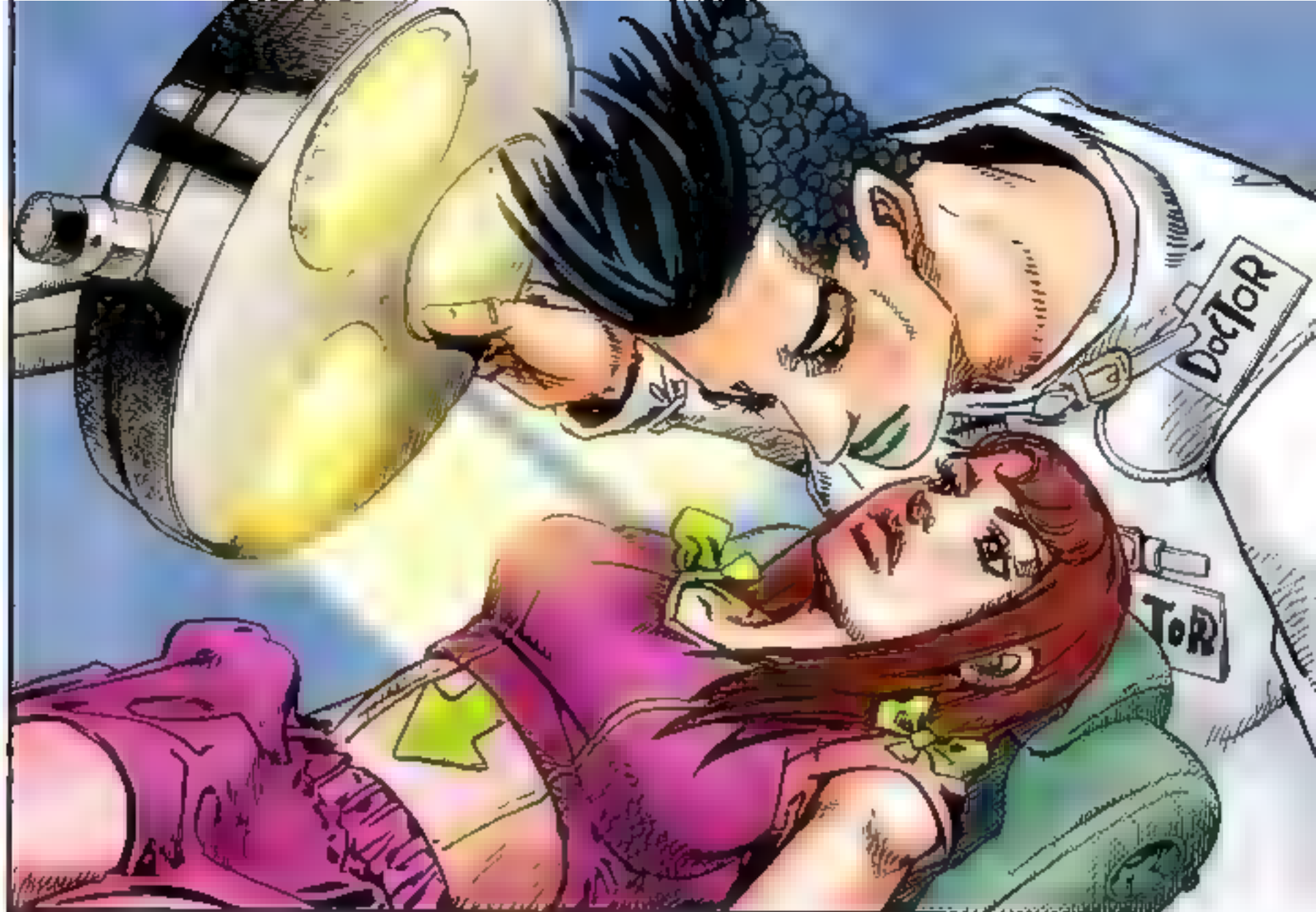




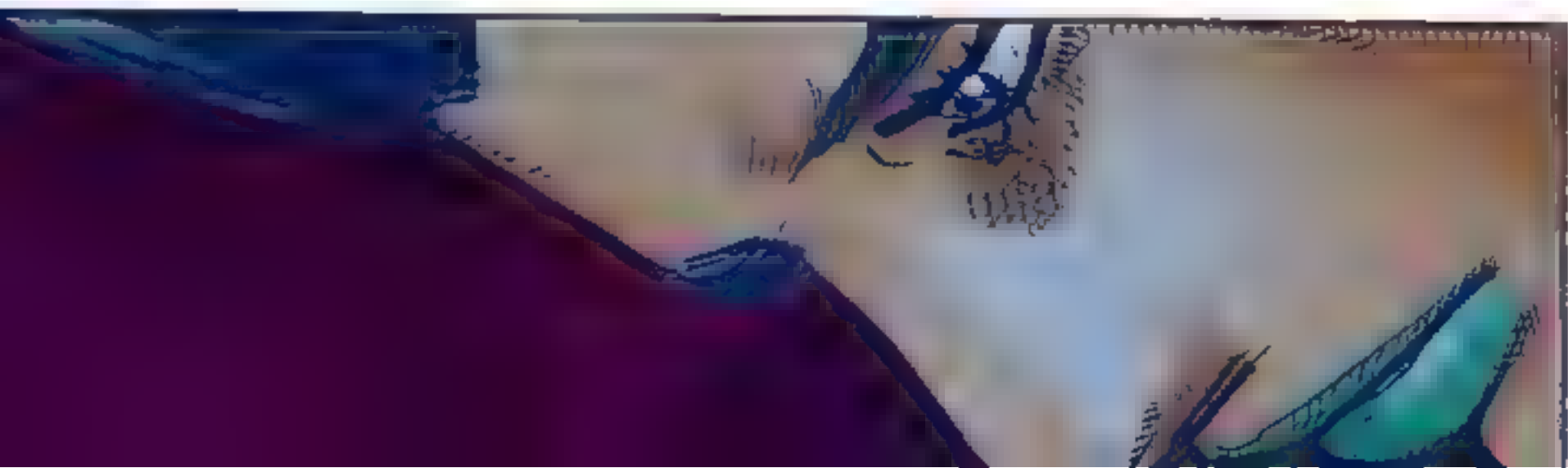
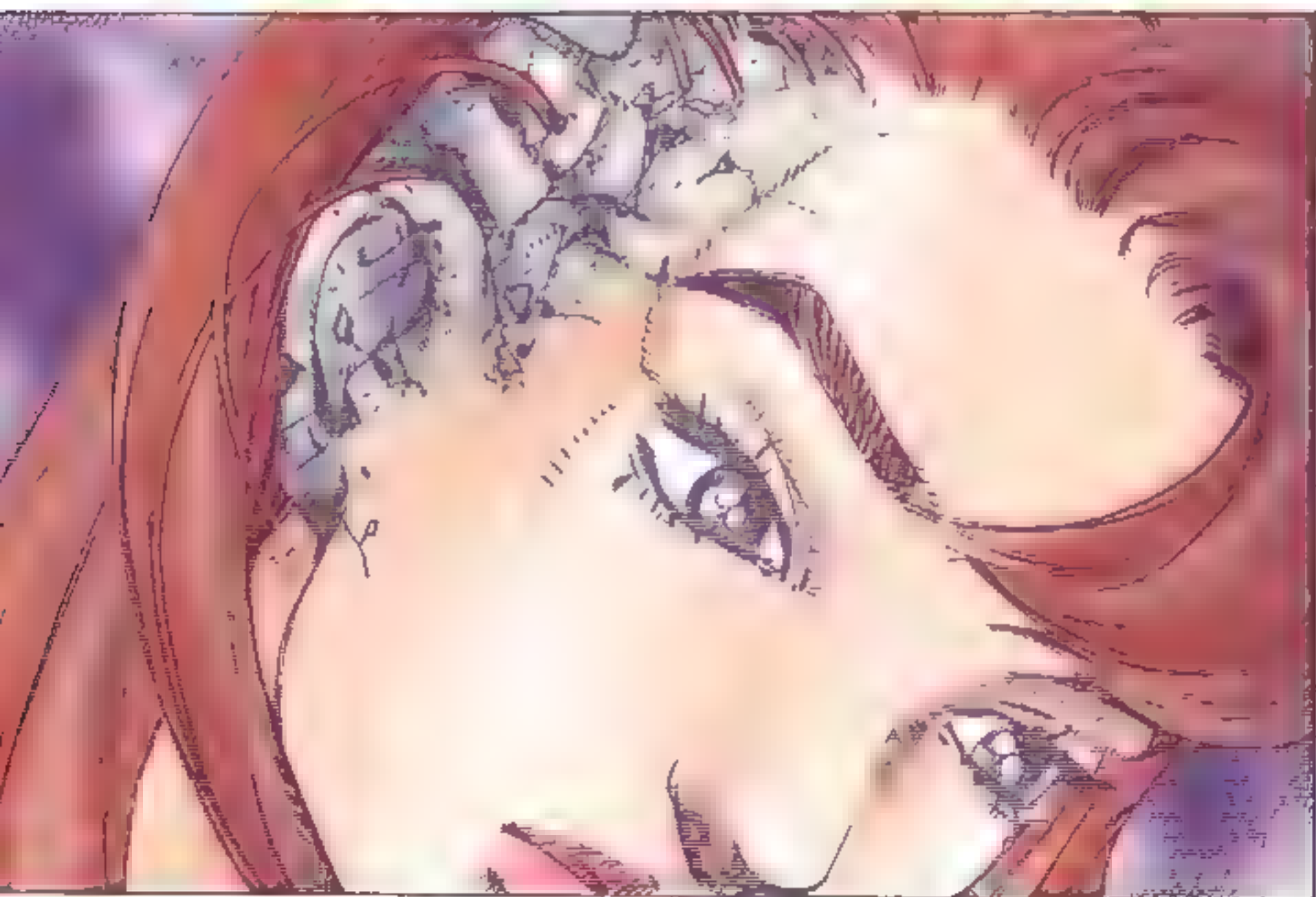
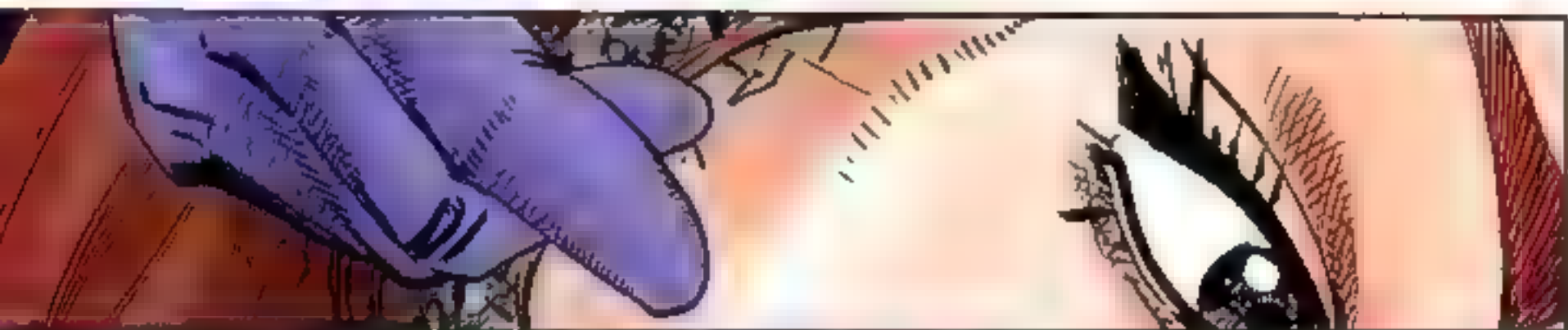
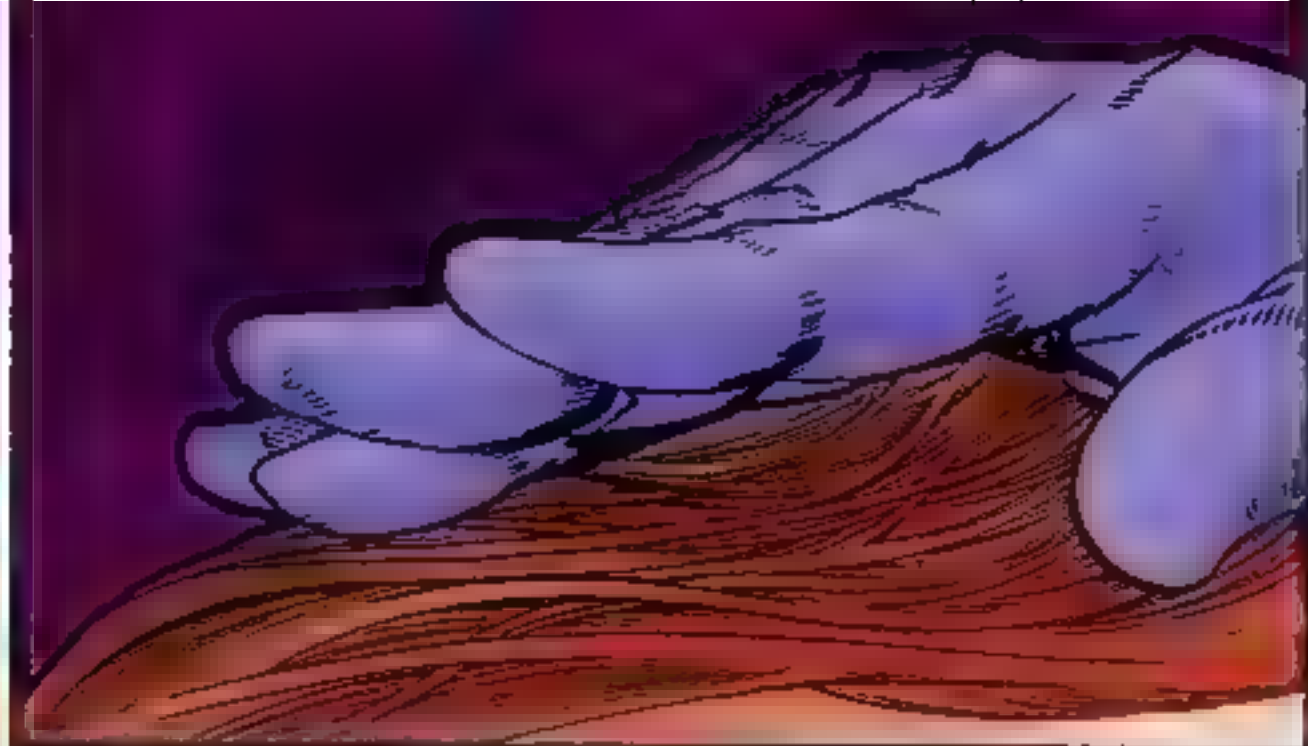
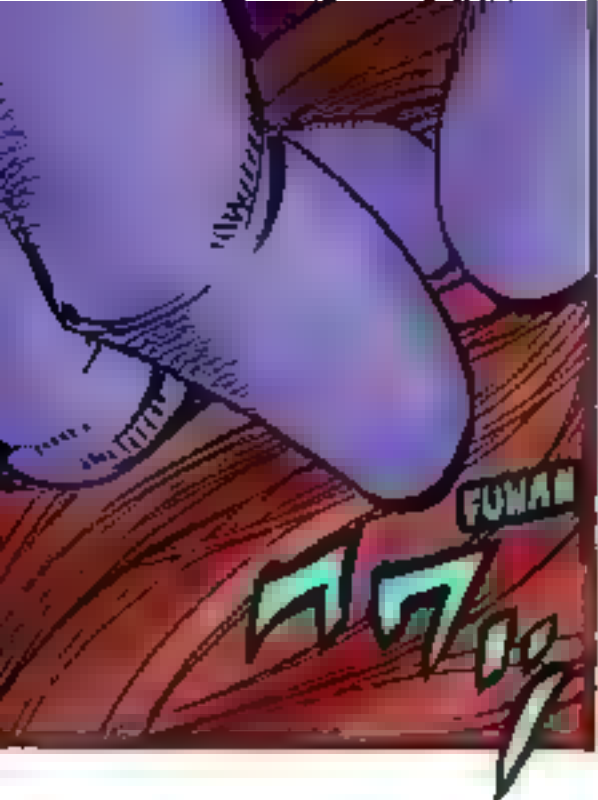




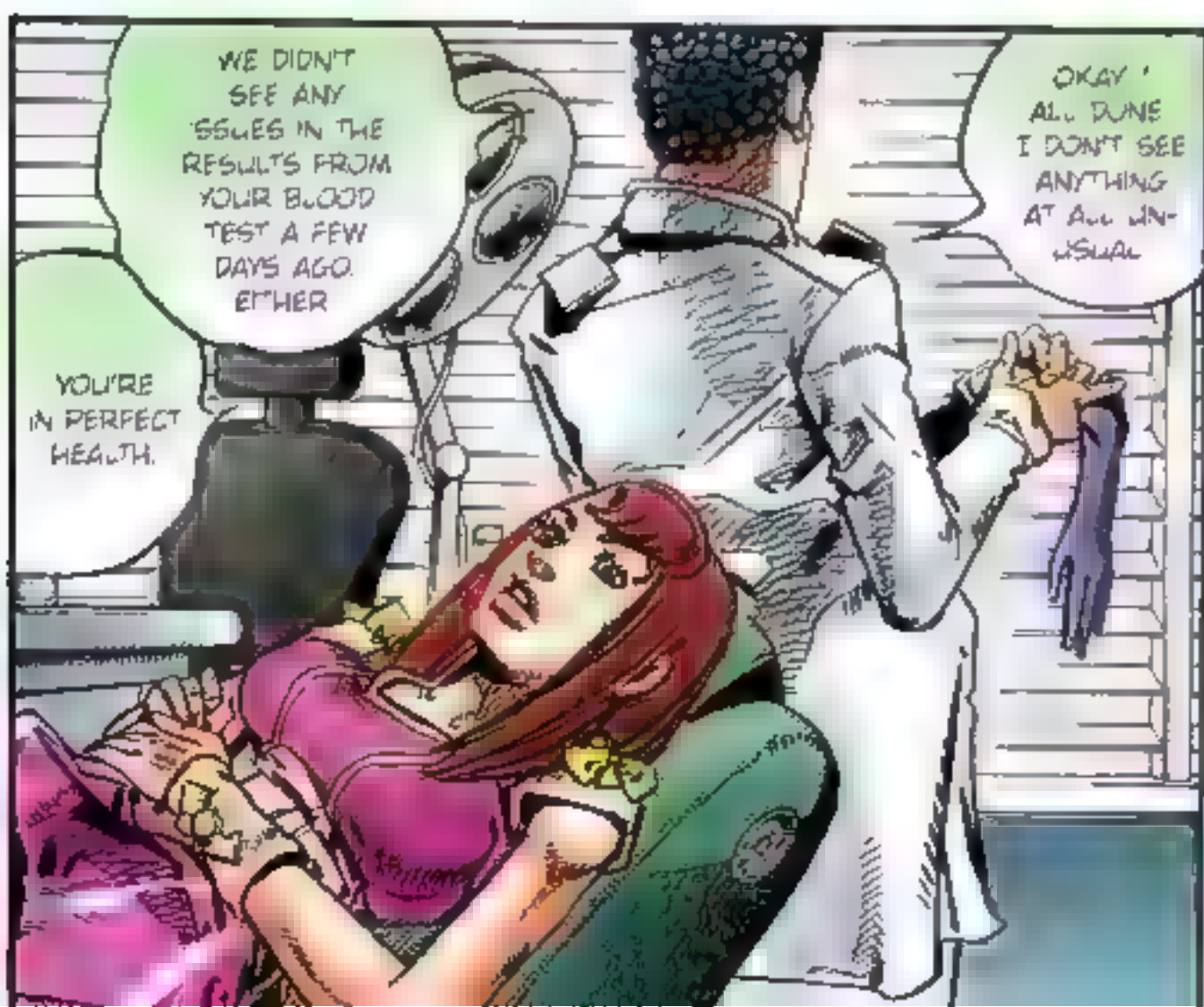
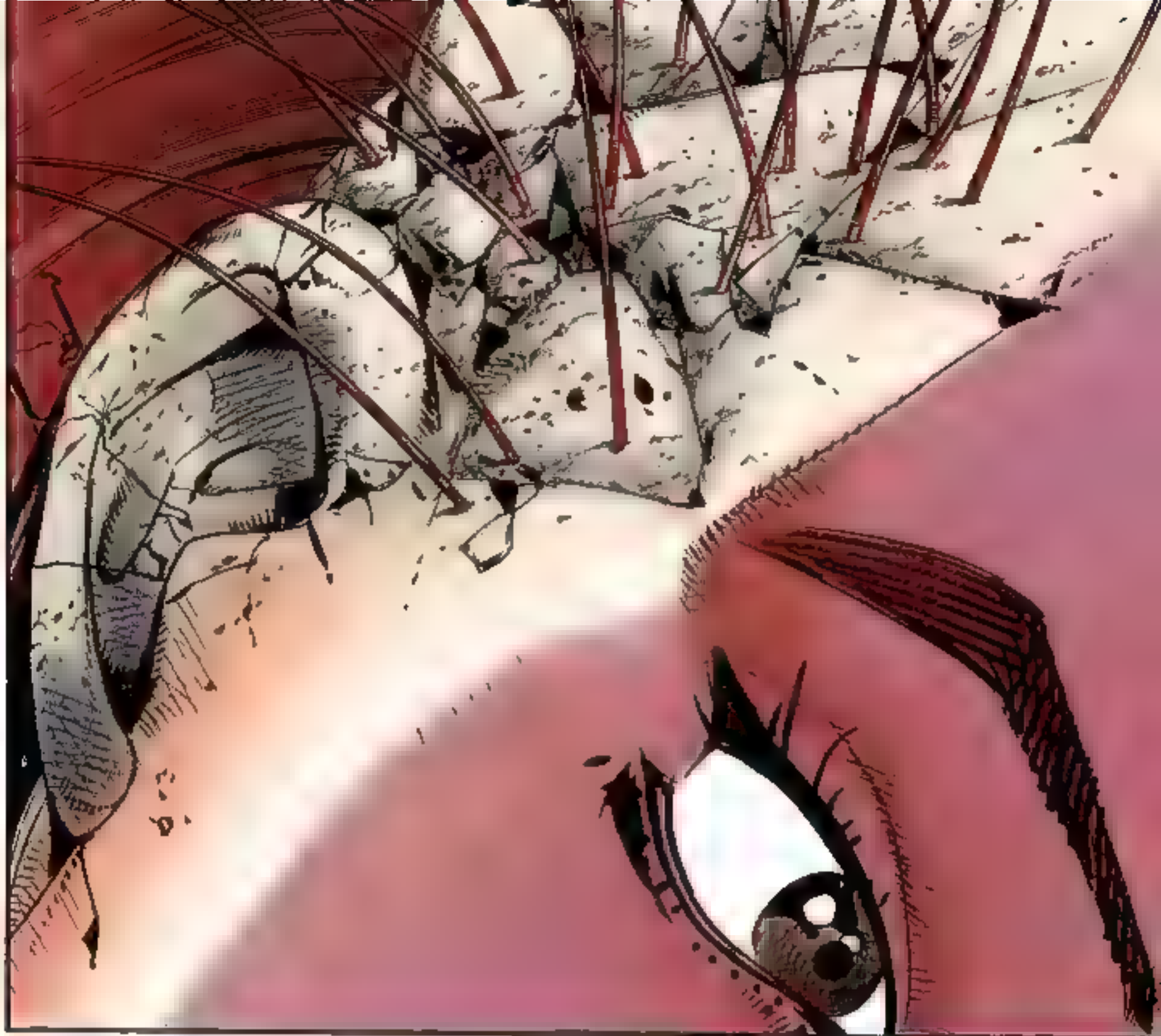




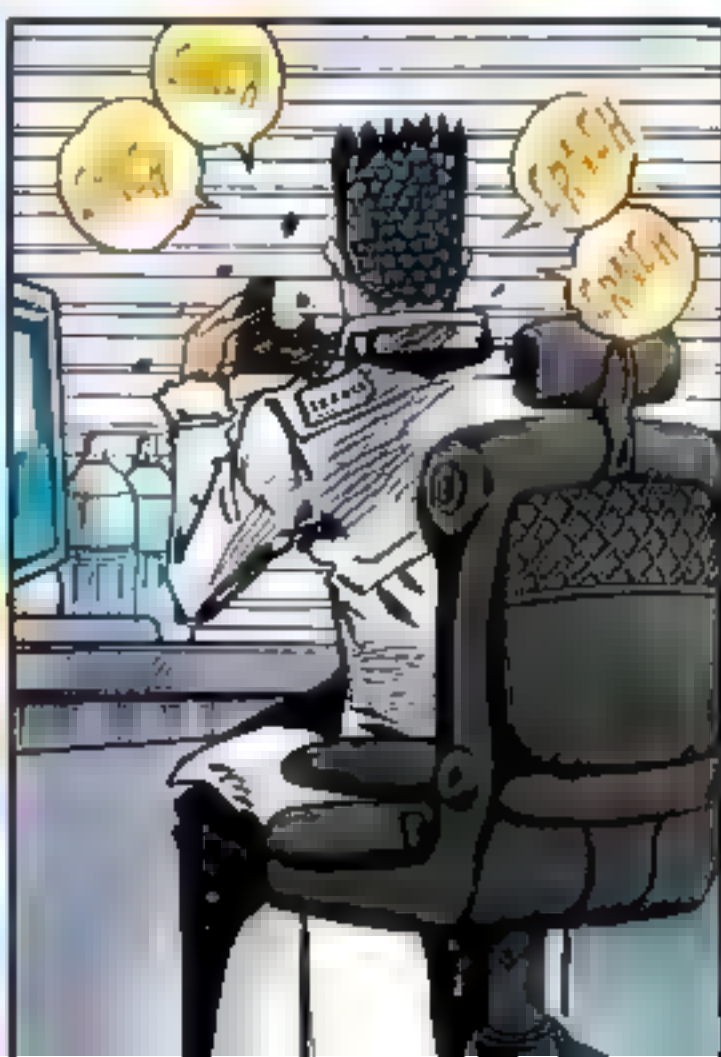
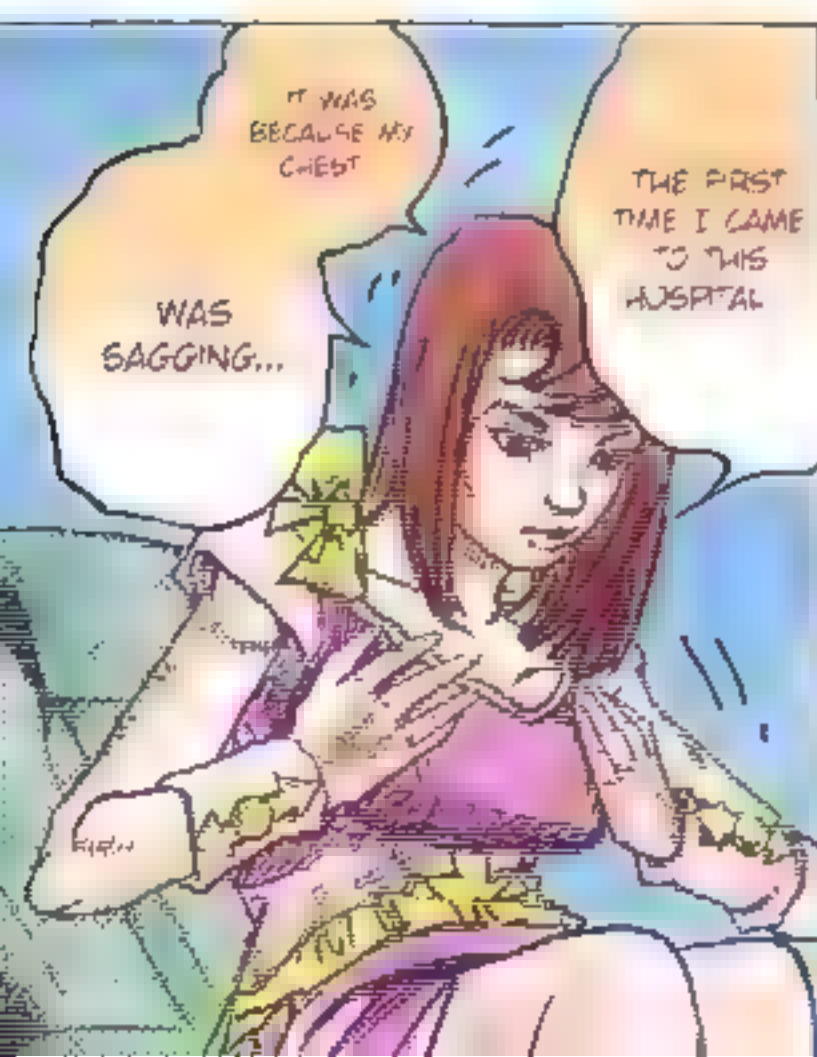
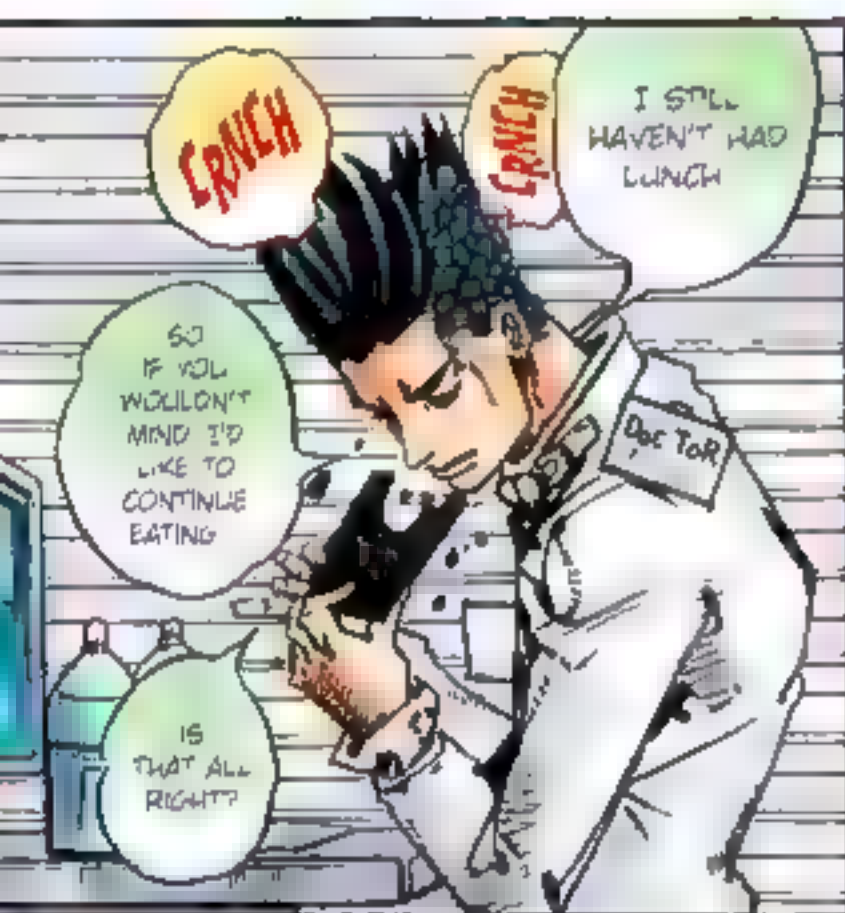
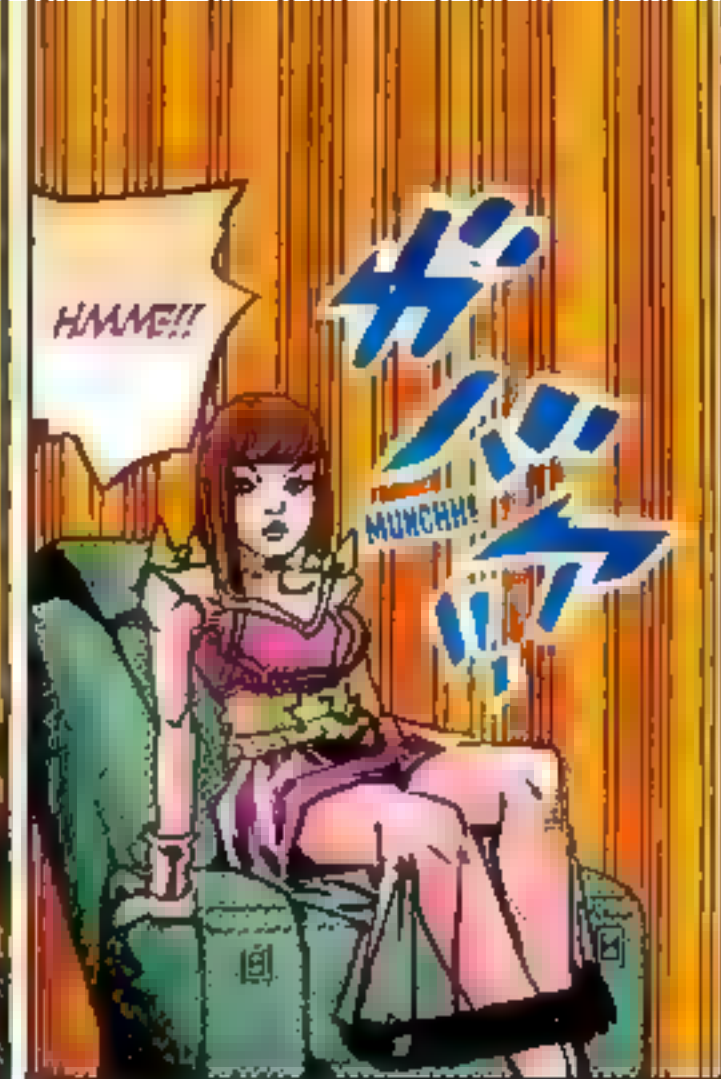




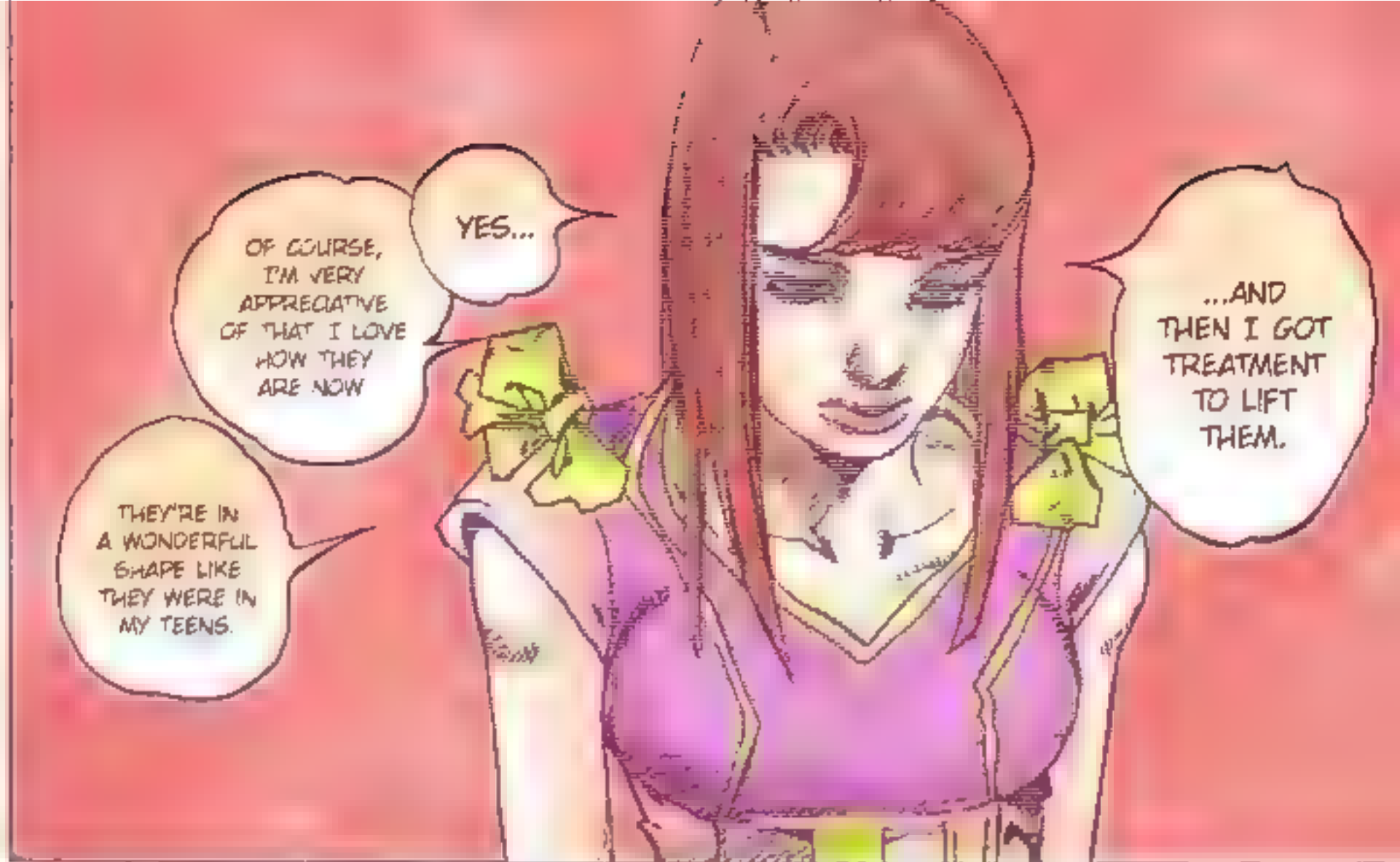










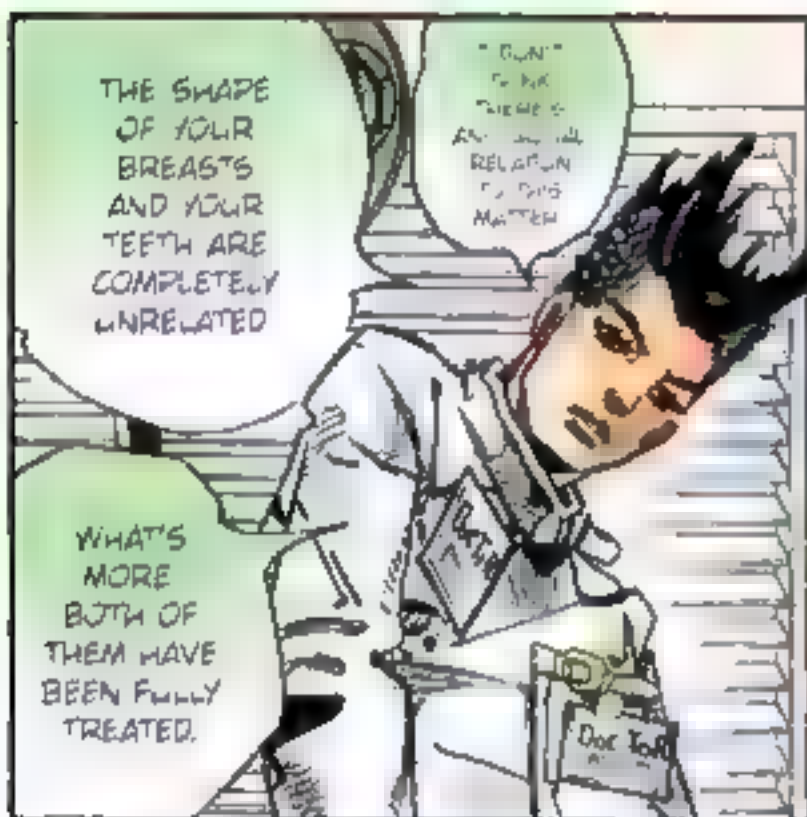


OF COURSE, I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THAT I LOVE HOW THEY ARE NOW

YES...

THEY'RE IN A WONDERFUL SHAPE LIKE THEY WERE IN MY TEENS.

...AND THEN I GOT TREATMENT TO LIFT THEM.



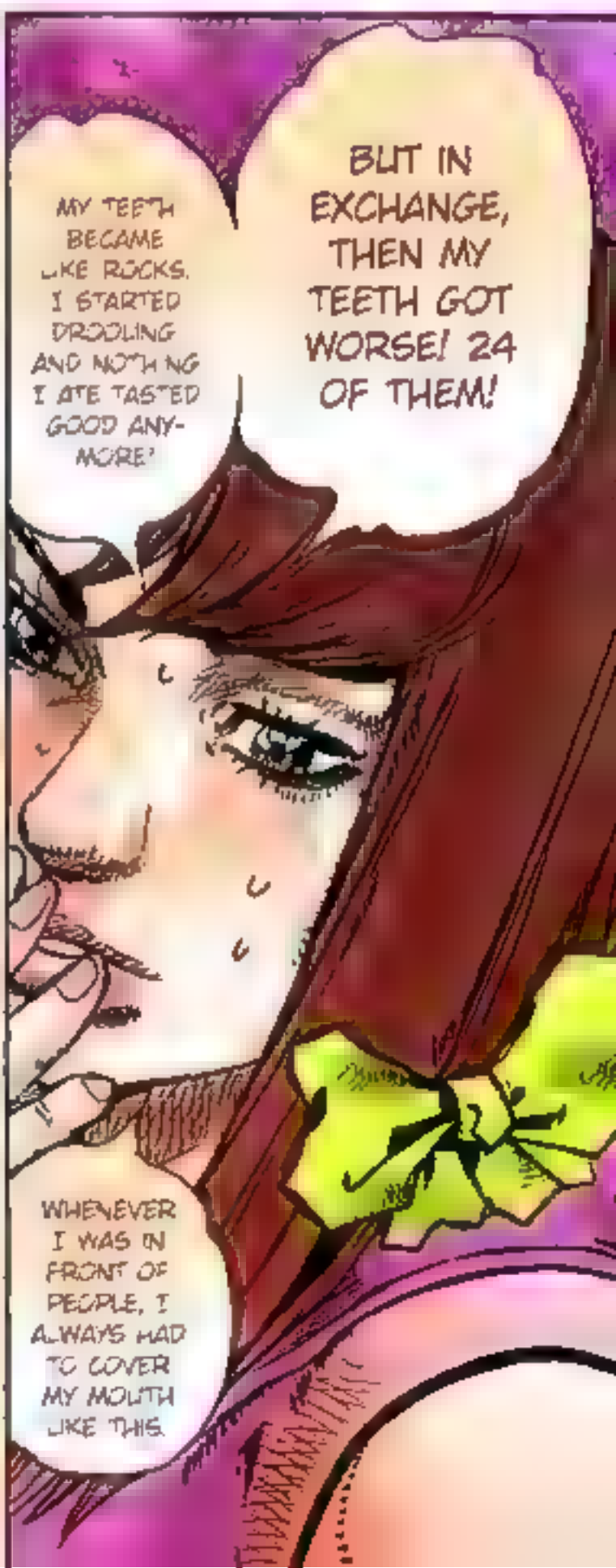
THE SHAPE OF YOUR BREASTS AND YOUR TEETH ARE COMPLETELY UNRELATED

"DUN"  
TO THE  
TREATMENT  
AND THE  
RELATION  
TO THIS  
MATTER

WHAT'S MORE BOTH OF THEM HAVE BEEN FULLY TREATED.



FIRST YOU DID MY BREASTS... AND THEN TREATED MY TEETH.



MY TEETH BECAME LIKE ROCKS. I STARTED DROOLING AND NOTHING I ATE TASTED GOOD ANY-MORE!

BUT IN EXCHANGE, THEN MY TEETH GOT WORSE! 24 OF THEM!

WHenever I WAS IN FRONT OF PEOPLE, I ALWAYS HAD TO COVER MY MOUTH LIKE THIS.



AND NOW... MY RIGHT EAR IS LIKE THIS! IT'S LIKE A ROCK, I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING!!





TAKE  
DEEP, SLOW,  
BREATHS...  
YOU'RE  
PERFECTLY  
FINE...  
IT'S ALL  
OKAY.

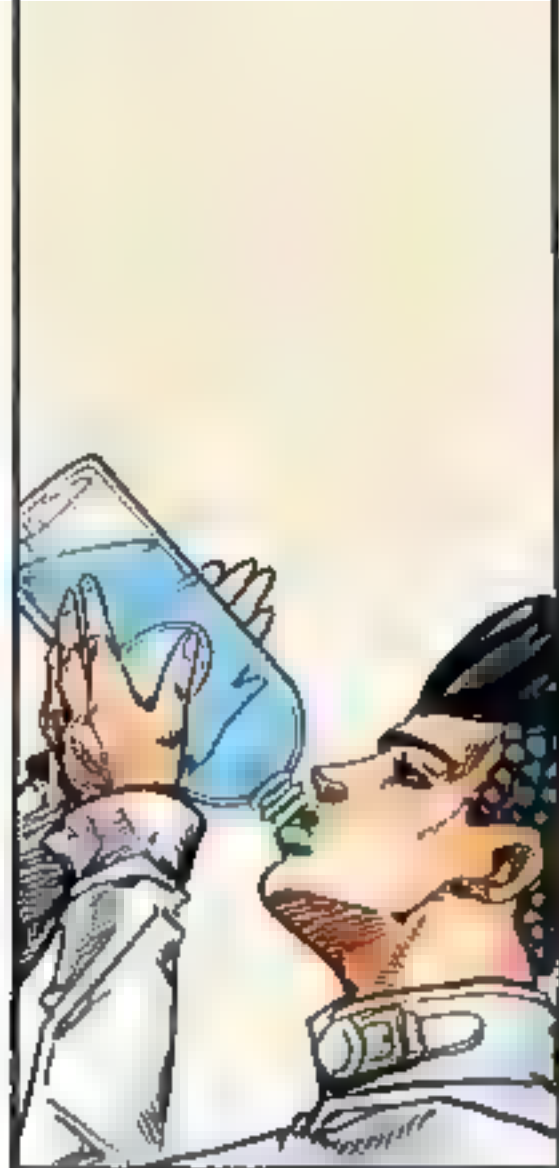
PLEASE,  
RELAX,  
MA'AM...

SHHHHHH

DOCTOR

THERE  
ARE NO  
PROBLEMS  
TO SPEAK  
OF.





GO  
RIGHT  
AHEAD

DO YOU  
MIND IF I  
INDULGE?

WOULD  
YOU MIND IF  
I DRANK SOME?  
IT'S A SUPPLEMENT  
WITH A HIGH  
CONCENTRATION  
OF SILICON.

WATER.



NO  
THANKS.



I'LL ISSUE  
YOU MEDICINE.  
BUT EVEN I  
SOMETIMES GET  
HARD SKIN  
ON MY HEAD  
AT TIMES.

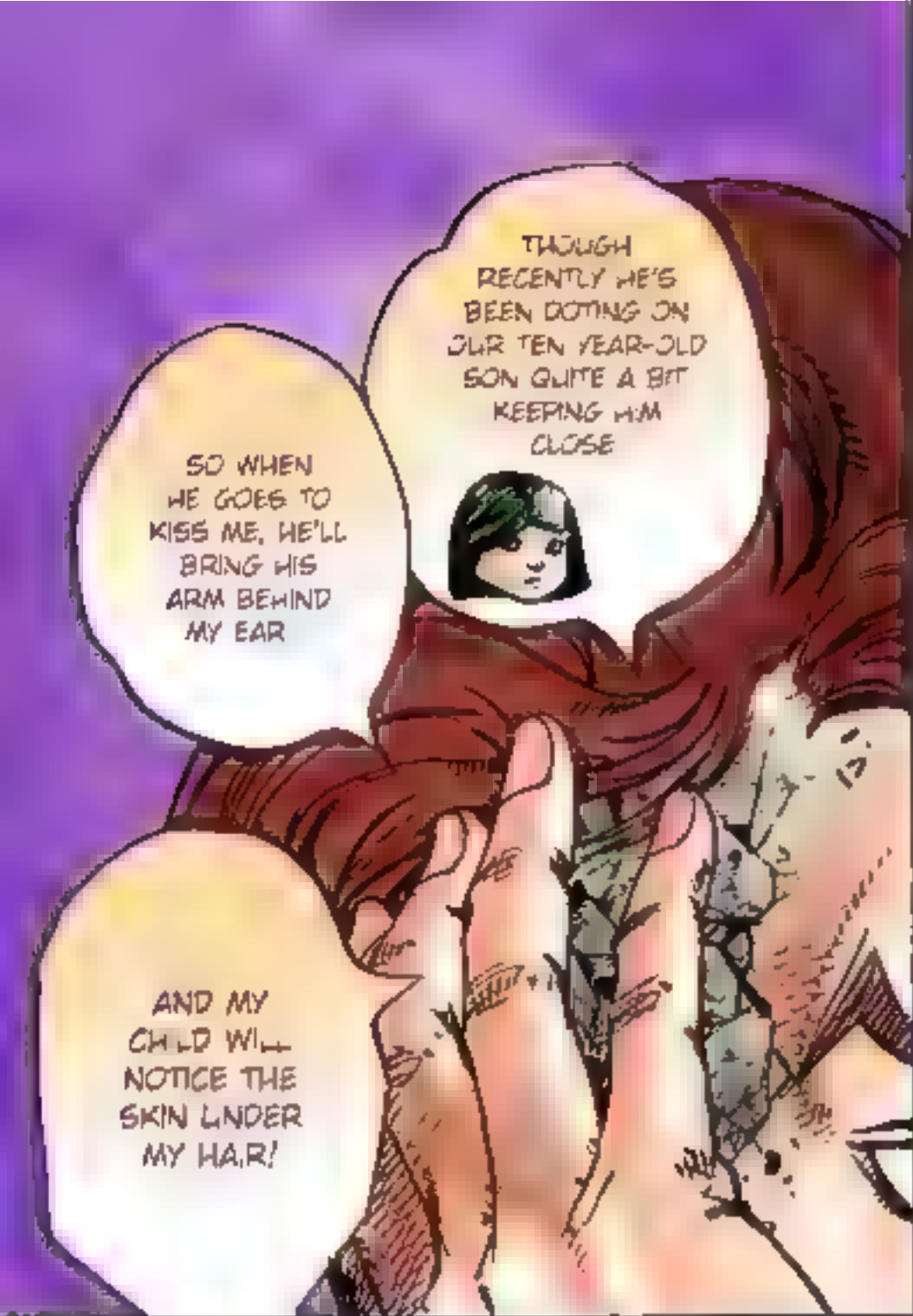
WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO SEE?  
MY HAIR  
IS A BIT  
CRUNCHY

THE HARDENING  
OF THE SKIN ON  
YOUR HEAD AND  
SUCH... ISN'T  
ANYTHING LIFE-  
THREATENING.

SO, AS I  
EXPLAINED  
EARLIER,

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
WRONG WITH  
YOU.



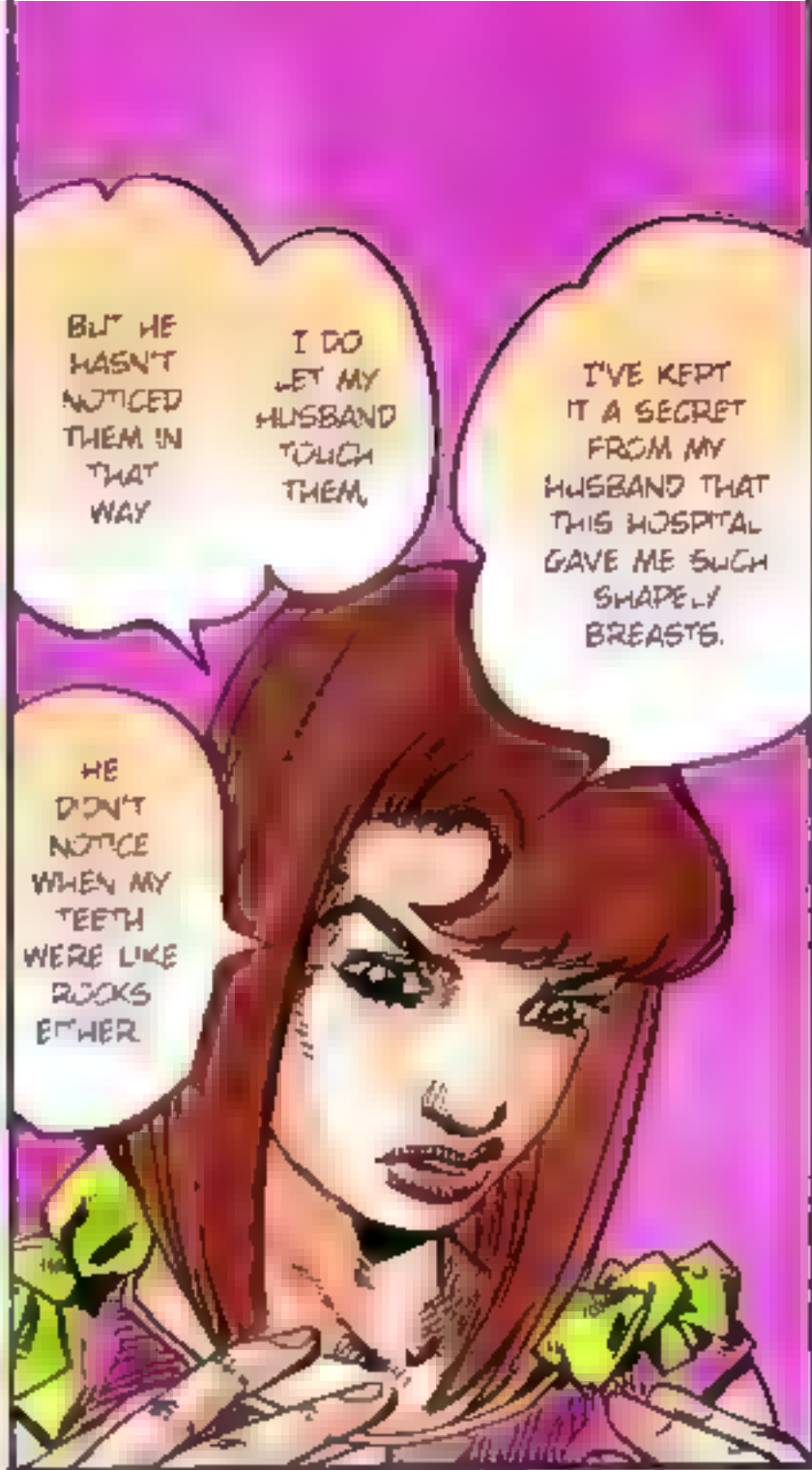


SO WHEN HE GOES TO KISS ME, HE'LL BRING HIS ARM BEHIND MY EAR

THOUGH RECENTLY HE'S BEEN DOTING ON OUR TEN YEAR-OLD SON QUITE A BIT KEEPING HIM CLOSE



AND MY CHILD WILL NOTICE THE SKIN UNDER MY HAIR!

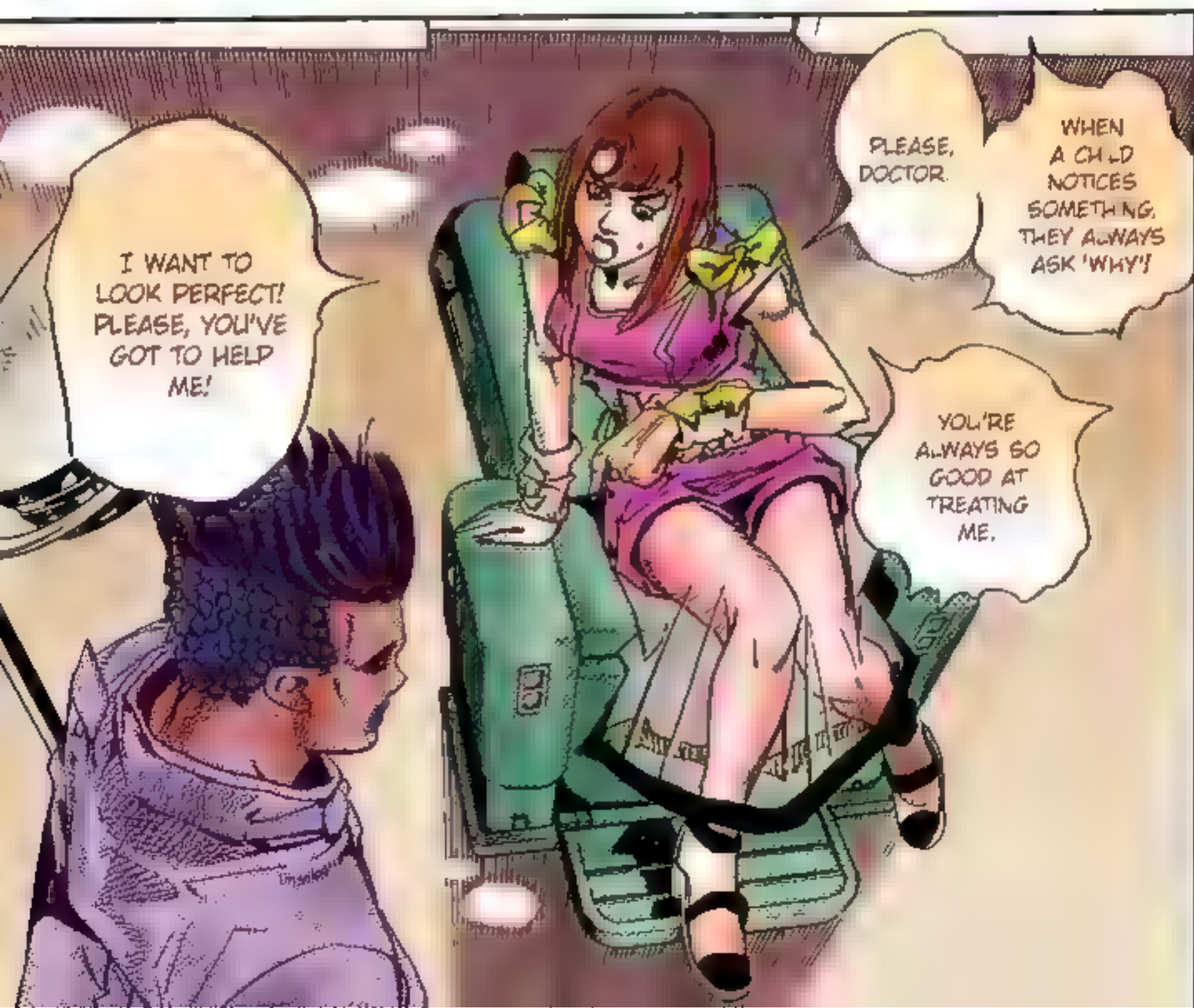


BUT HE HASN'T NOTICED THEM IN THAT WAY

I DO LET MY HUSBAND TOUCH THEM

I'VE KEPT IT A SECRET FROM MY HUSBAND THAT THIS HOSPITAL GAVE ME SUCH SHAPELY BREASTS.

HE DON'T NOTICE WHEN MY TEETH WERE LIKE ROCKS EITHER



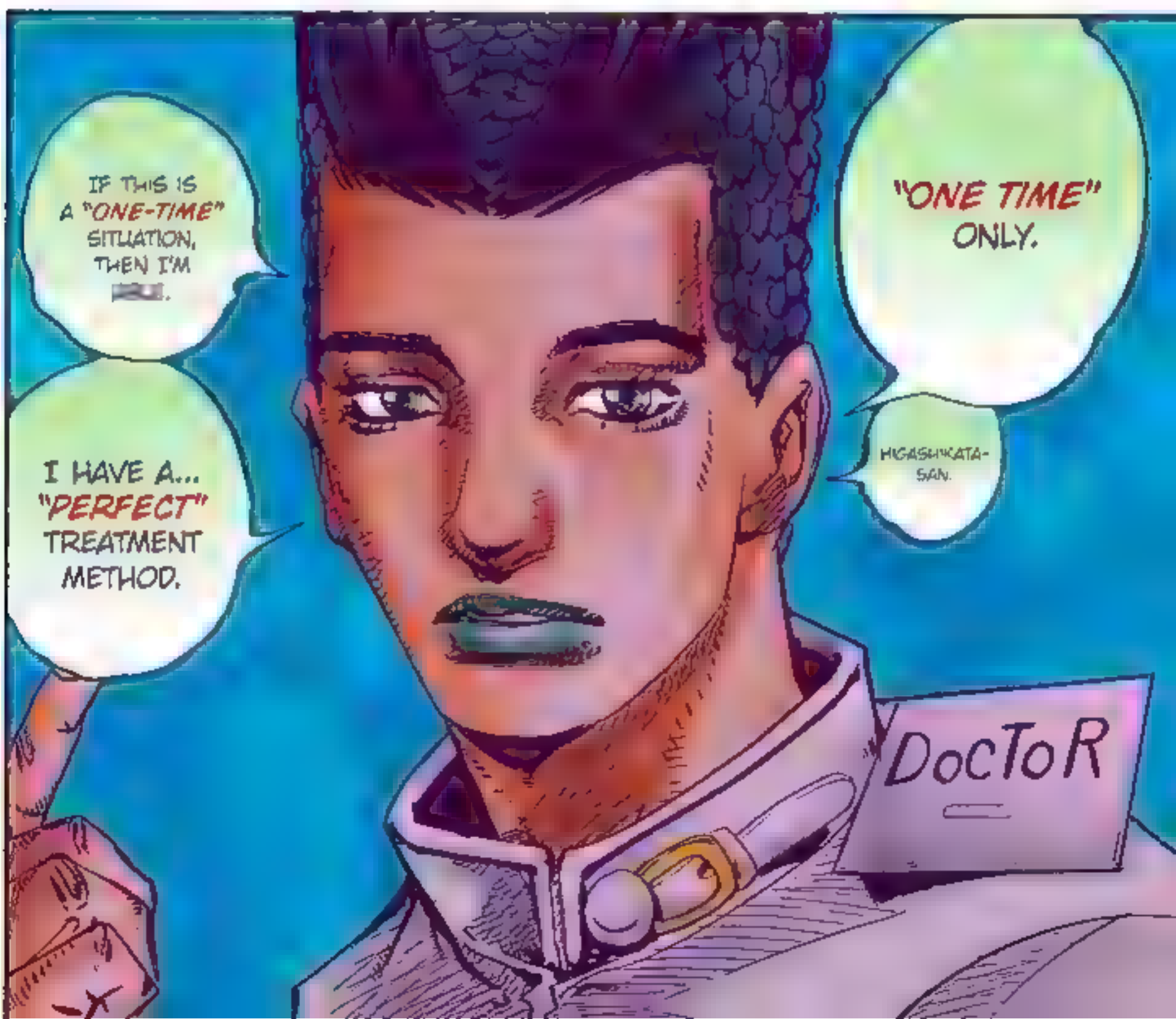
I WANT TO LOOK PERFECT! PLEASE, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!

PLEASE, DOCTOR.

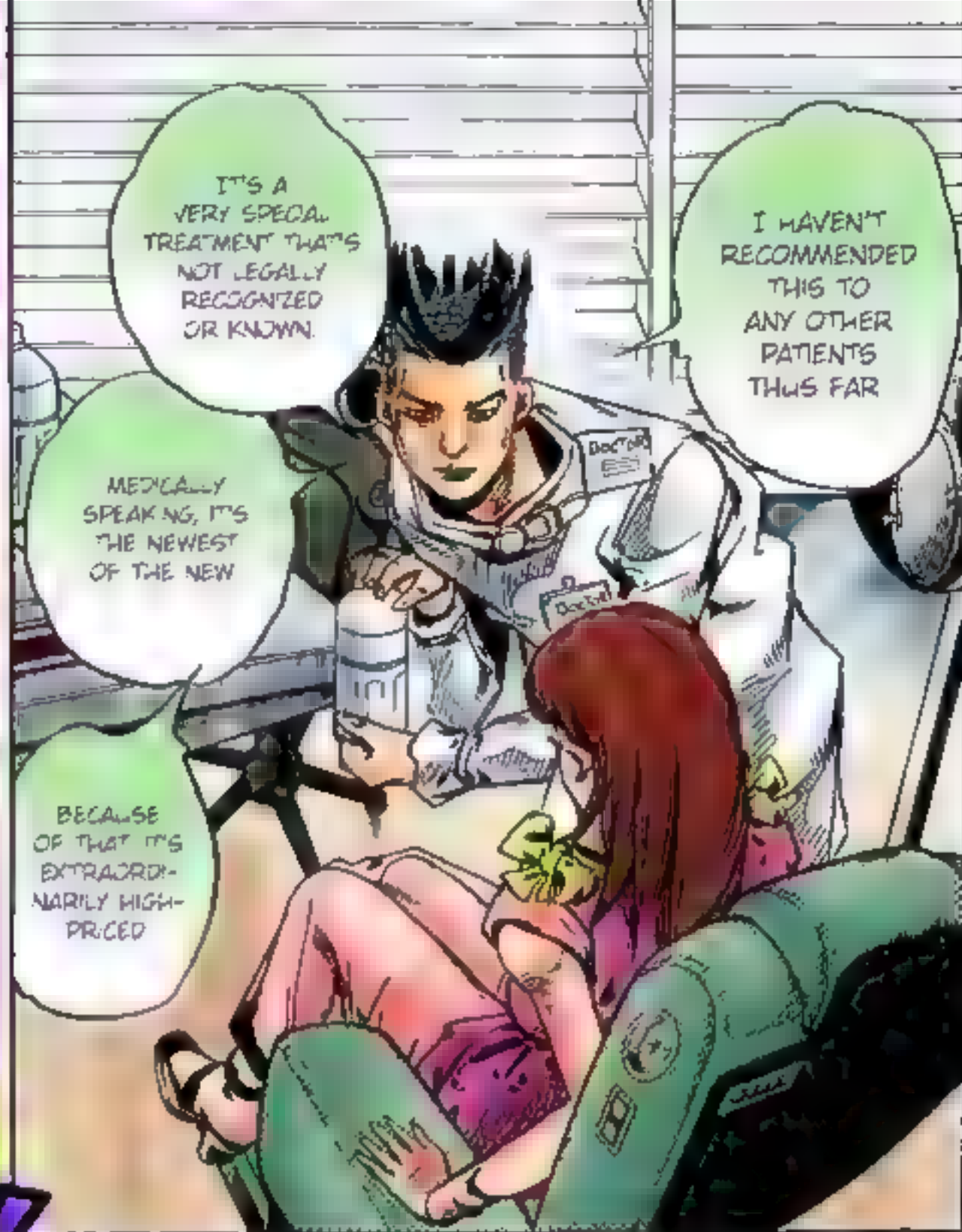
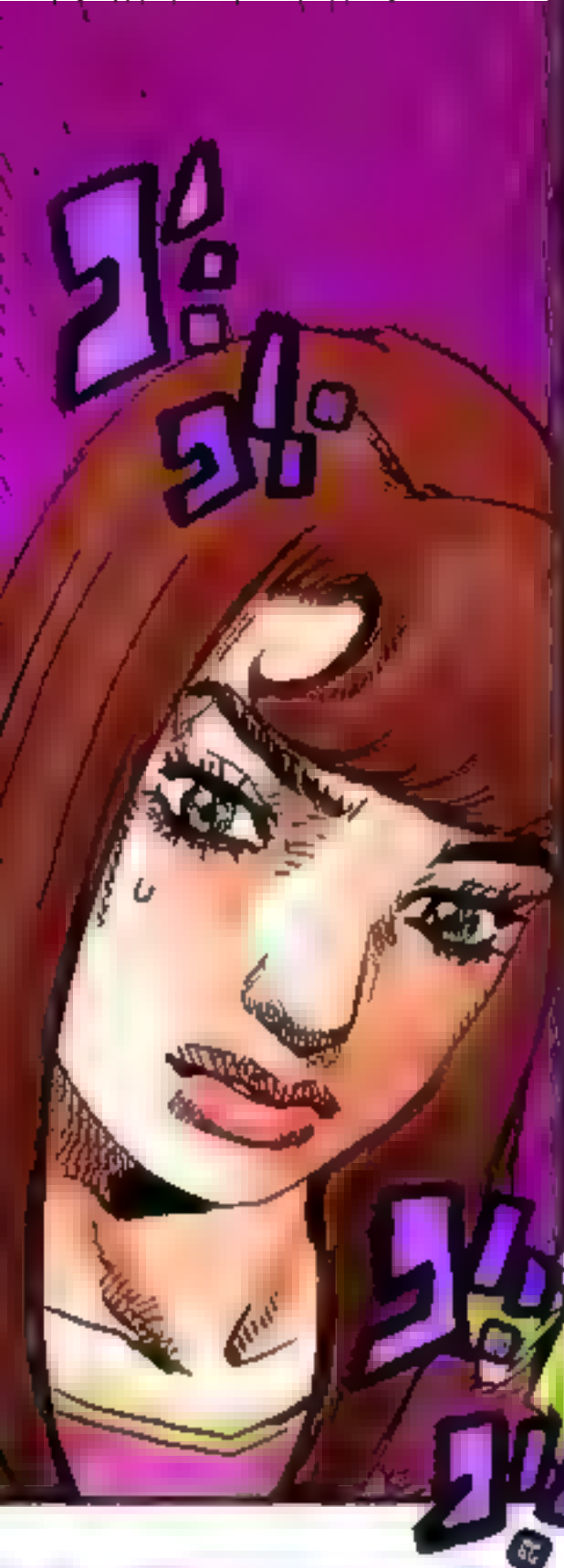
WHEN A CHILD NOTICES SOMETHING, THEY ALWAYS ASK 'WHY'!

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO GOOD AT TREATING ME.







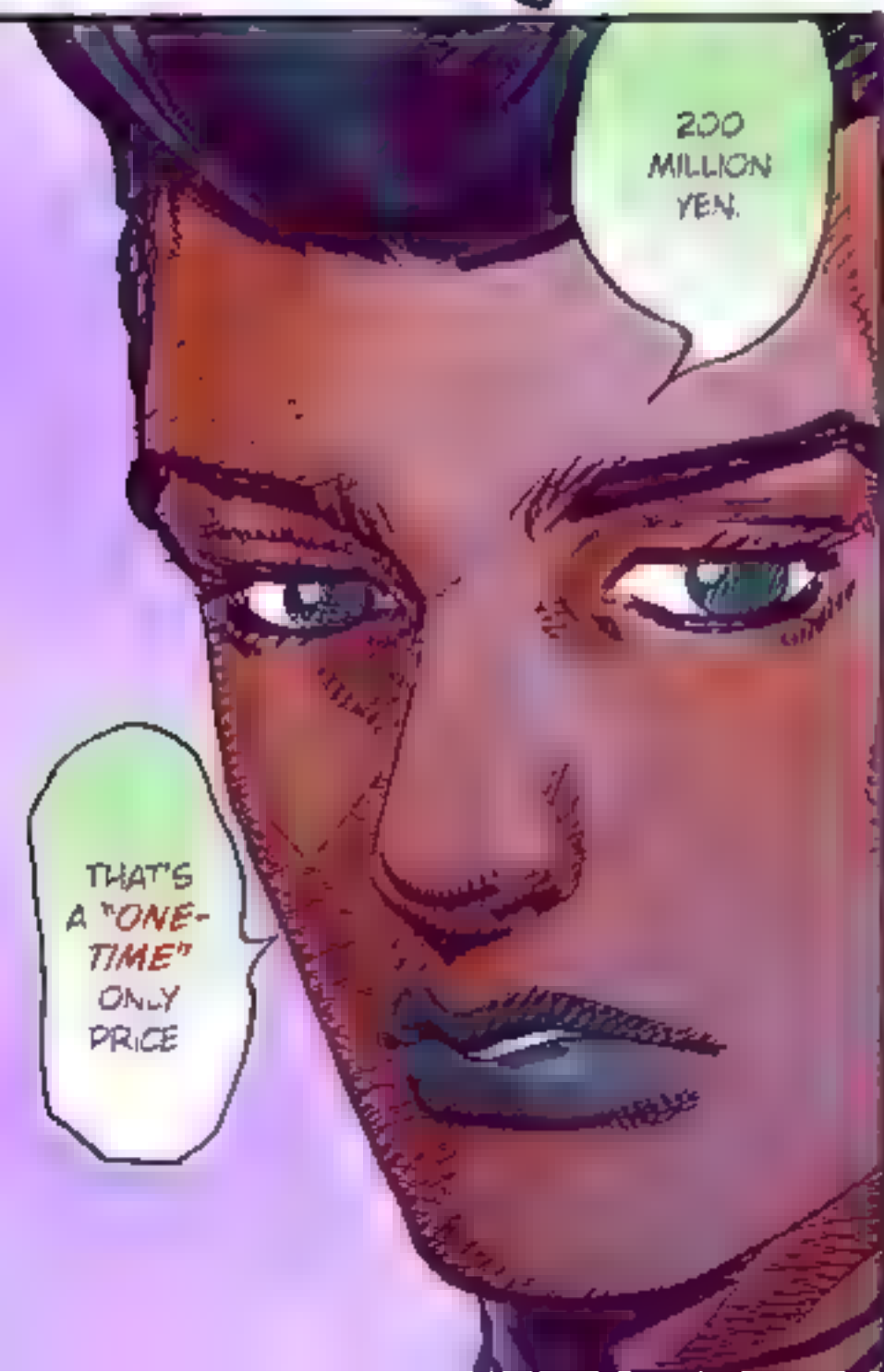


IT'S A  
VERY SPECIAL  
TREATMENT THAT'S  
NOT LEGALLY  
RECOGNIZED  
OR KNOWN.

I HAVEN'T  
RECOMMENDED  
THIS TO  
ANY OTHER  
PATIENTS  
THUS FAR

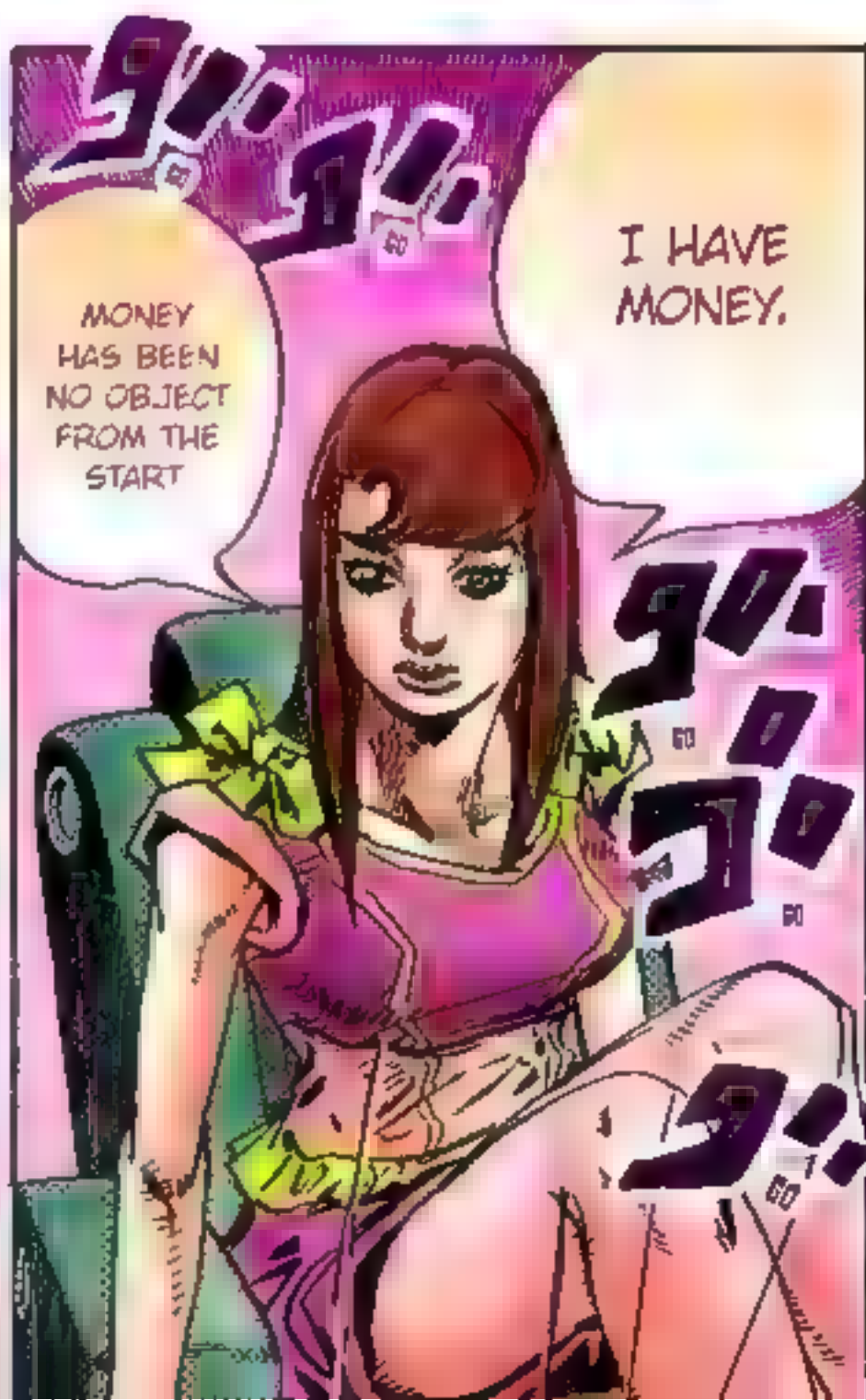
MEDICALLY  
SPEAKING, IT'S  
THE NEWEST  
OF THE NEW

BECAUSE  
OF THAT IT'S  
EXTRAORDI-  
NARILY HIGH-  
PRICED



200  
MILLION  
YEN.

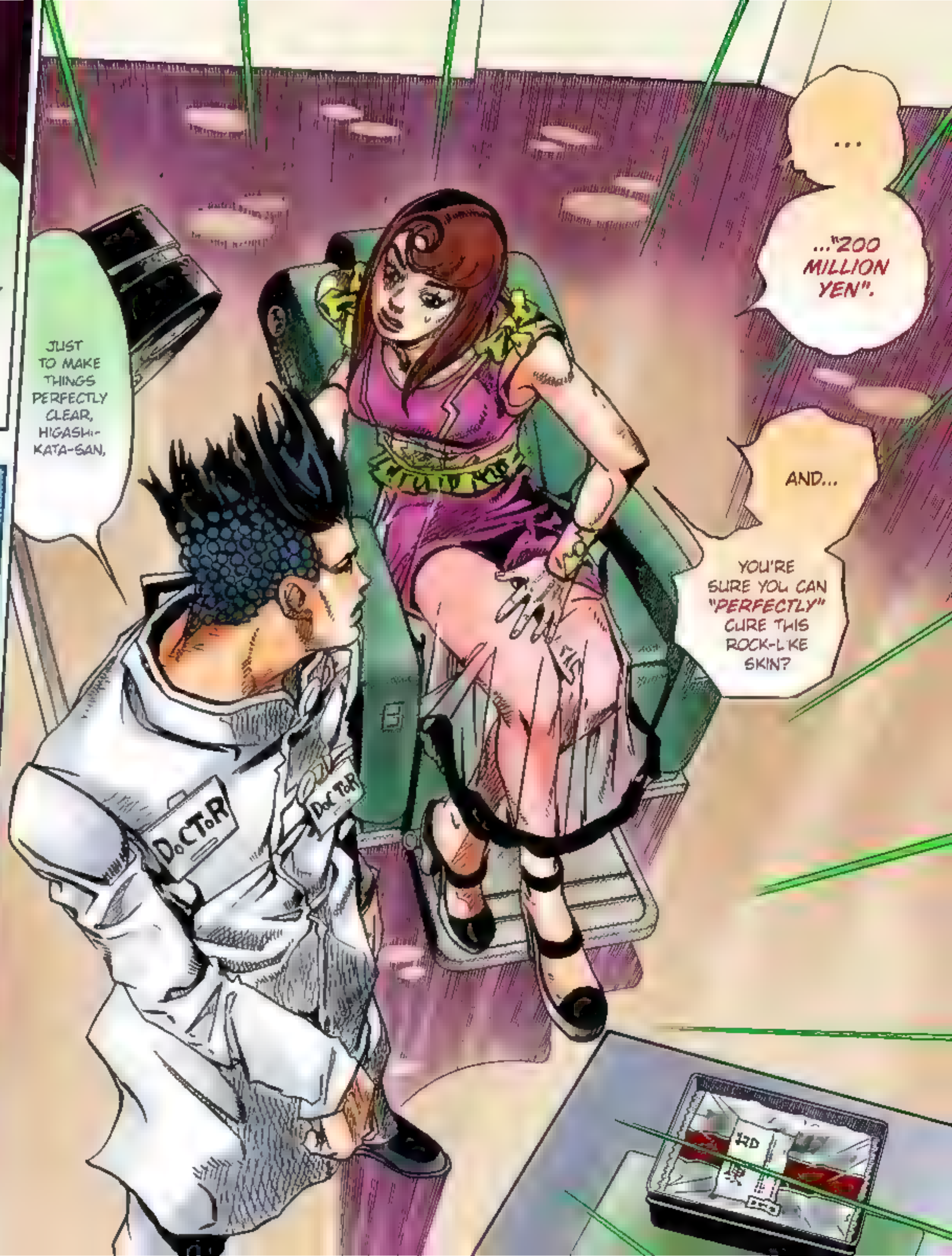
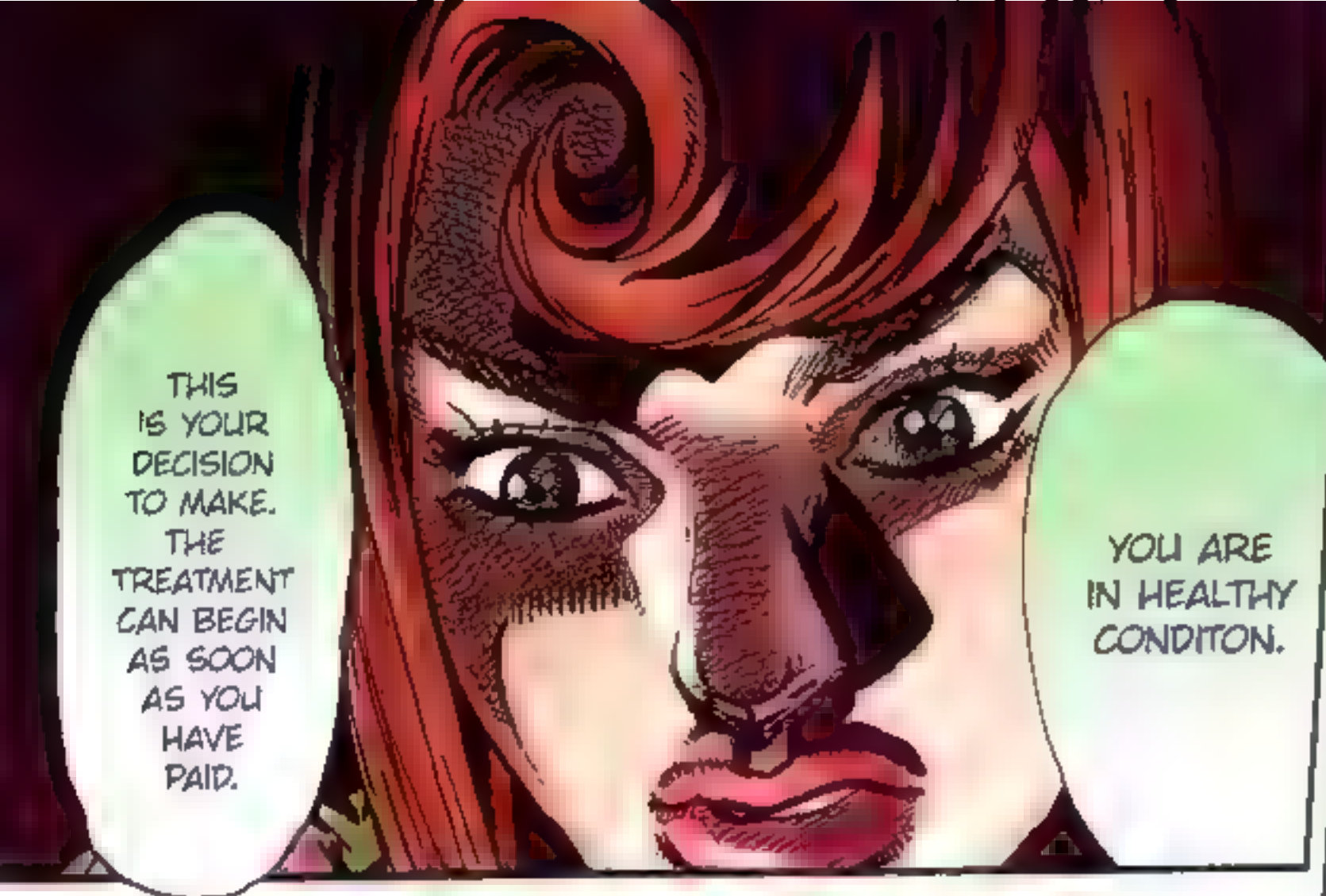
THAT'S  
A "ONE-  
TIME"  
ONLY  
PRICE



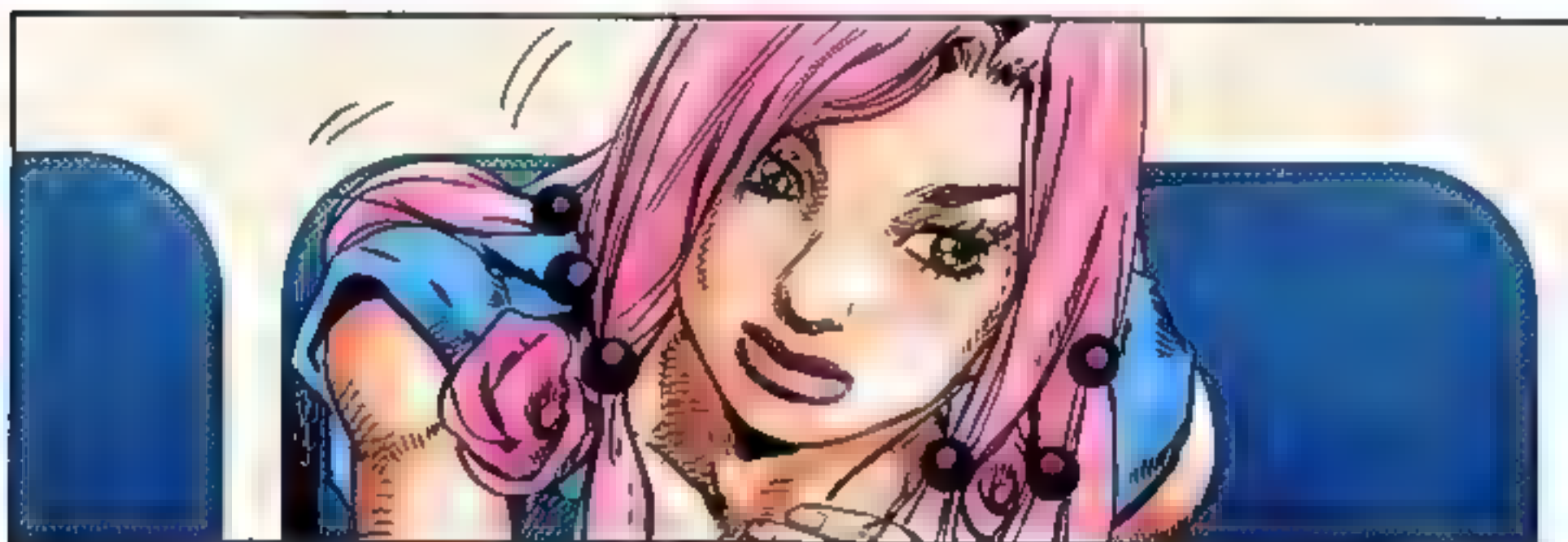
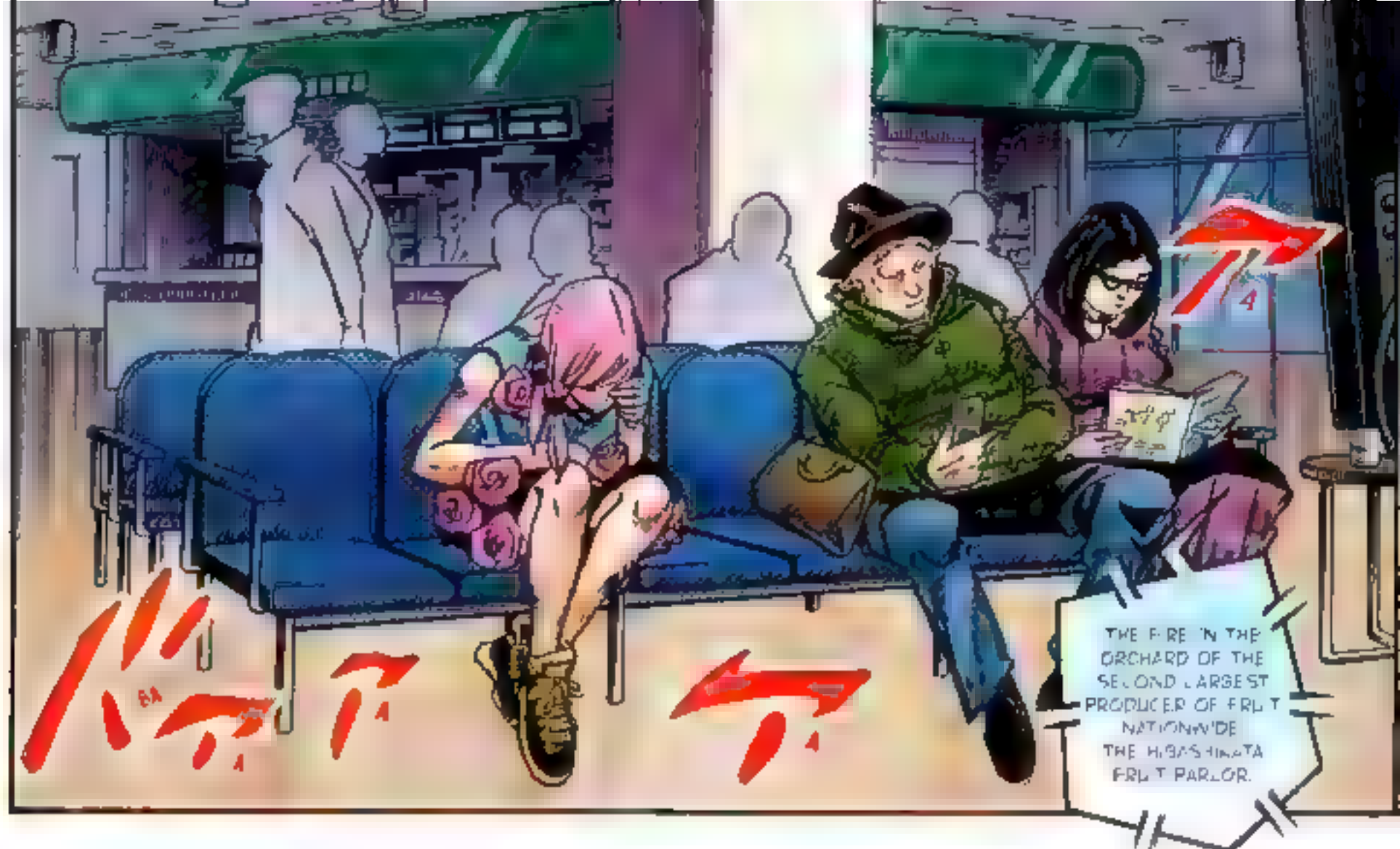
I HAVE  
MONEY.

MONEY  
HAS BEEN  
NO OBJECT  
FROM THE  
START

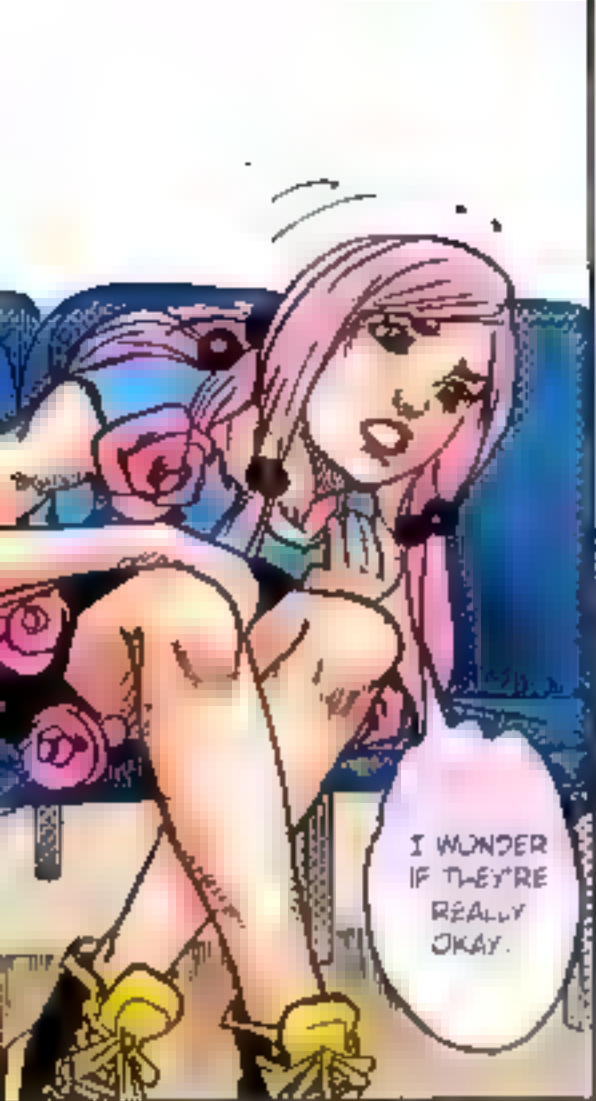




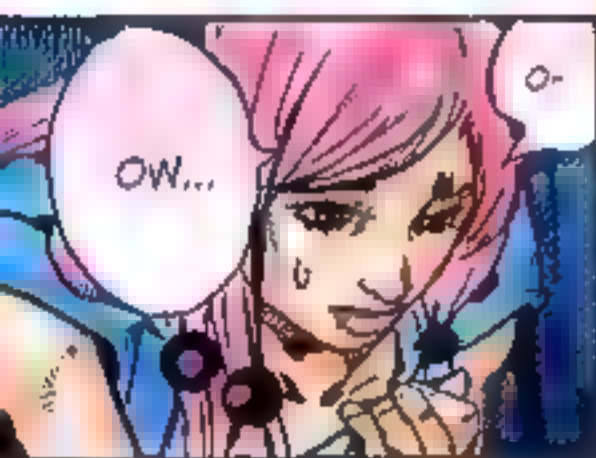




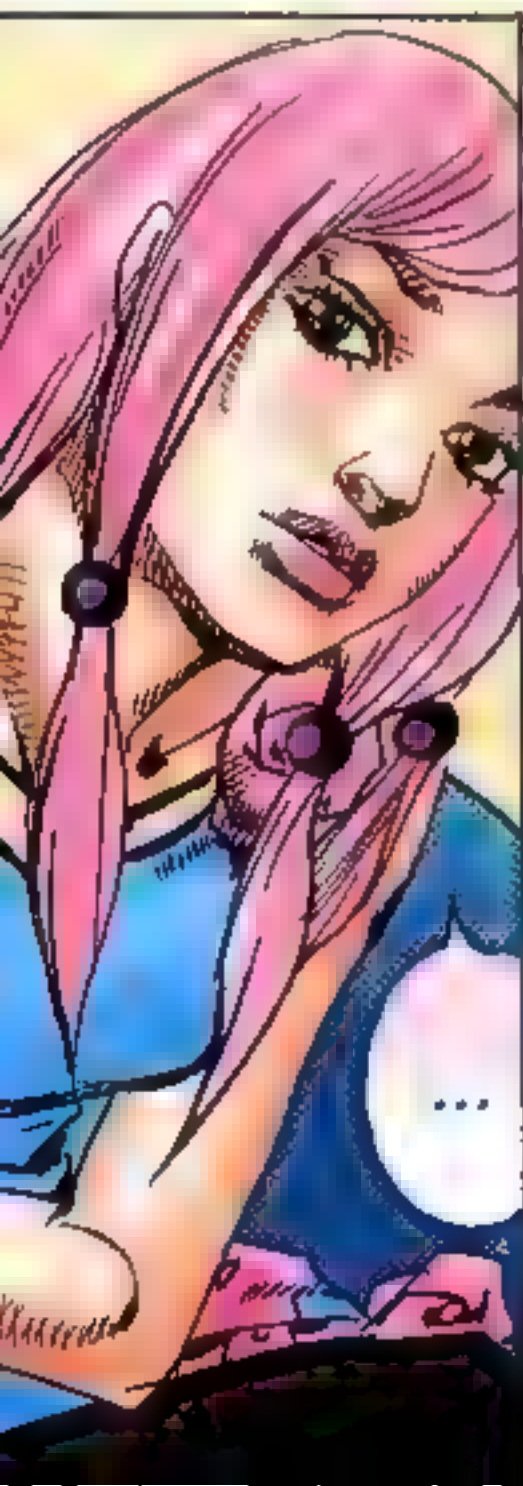




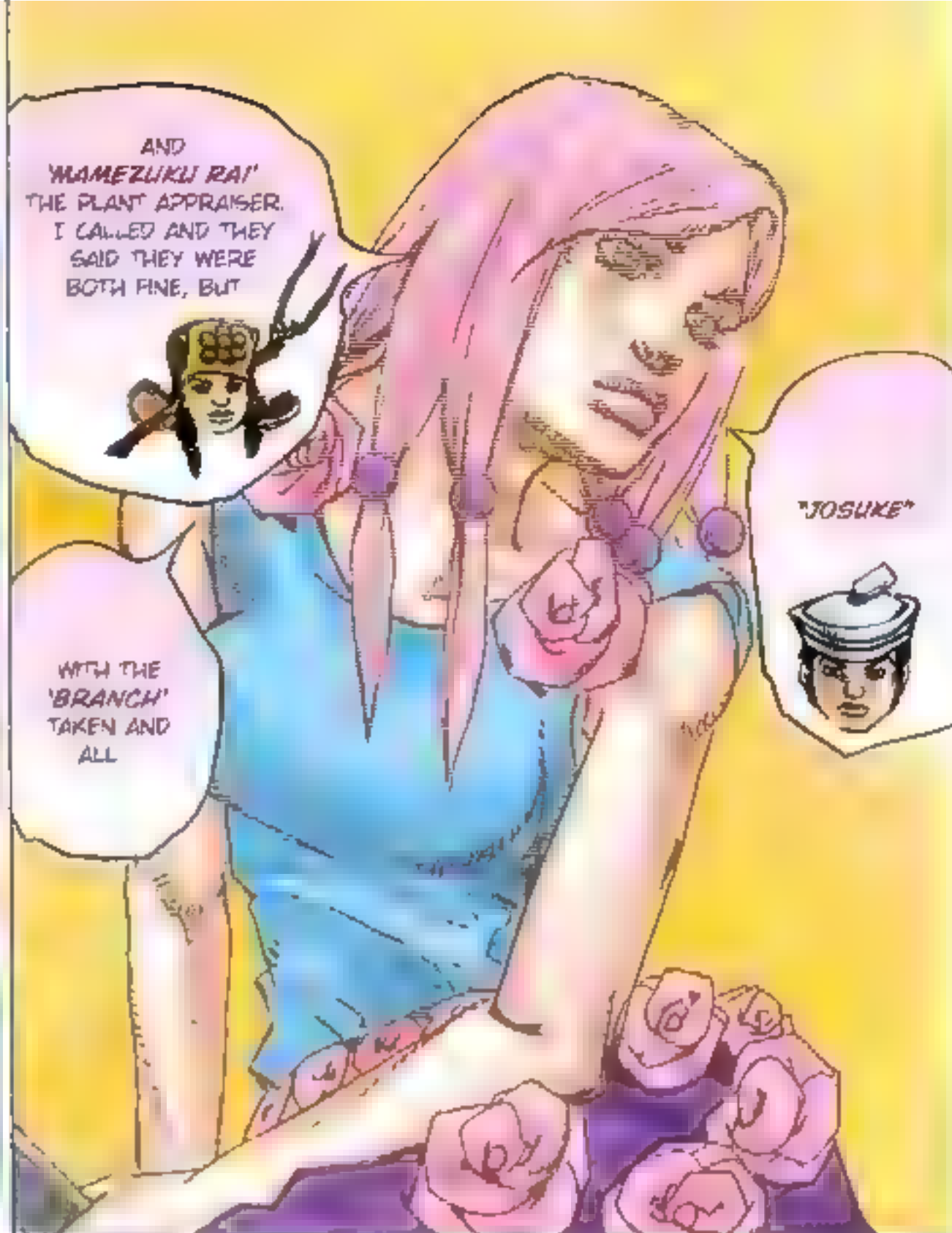
I WONDER  
IF THEY'RE  
REALLY  
OKAY.



OW...



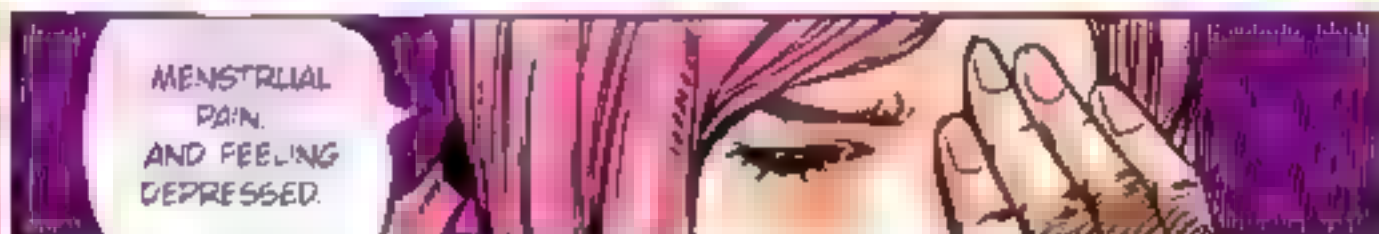
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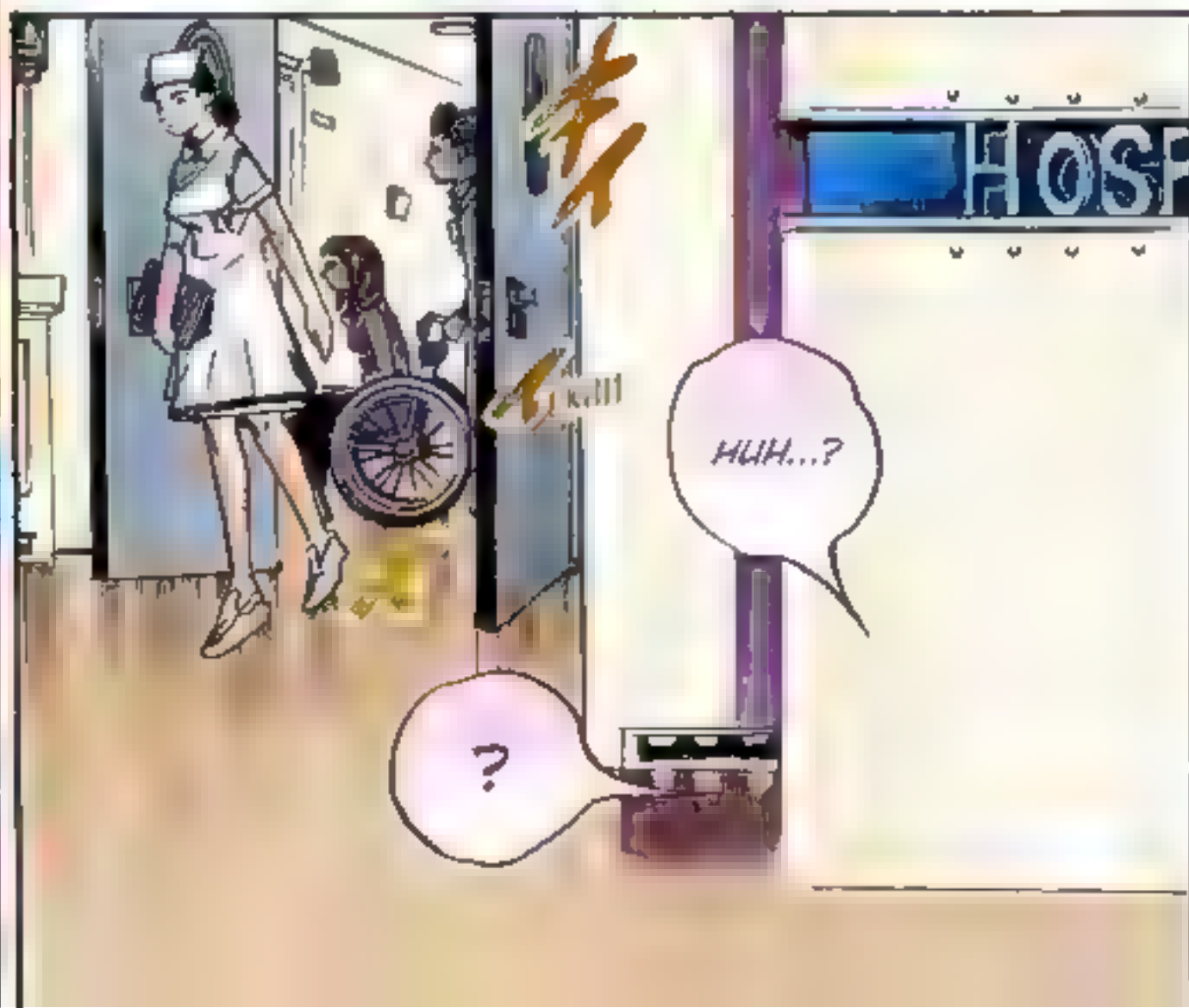
AND  
'NAMEZUKU RAI'  
THE PLANT APPRAISER.  
I CALLED AND THEY  
SAID THEY WERE  
BOTH FINE, BUT

WITH THE  
'BRANCH'  
TAKEN AND  
ALL

"JOSUKE"



MENSTRUAL  
PAIN.  
AND FEELING  
DEPRESSED.



HUH...?

?



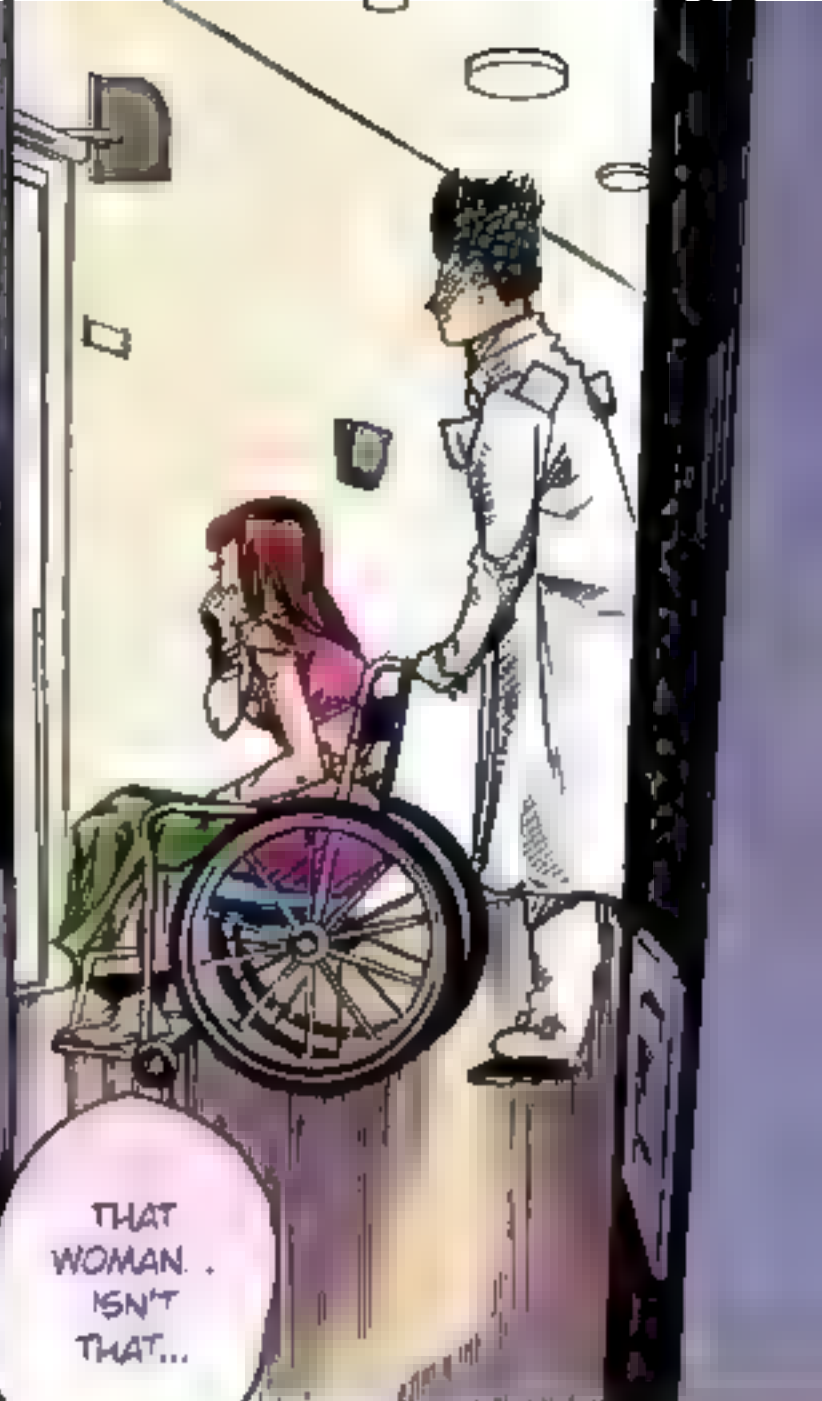


TSURUGI-  
CHAN'S  
MOM.

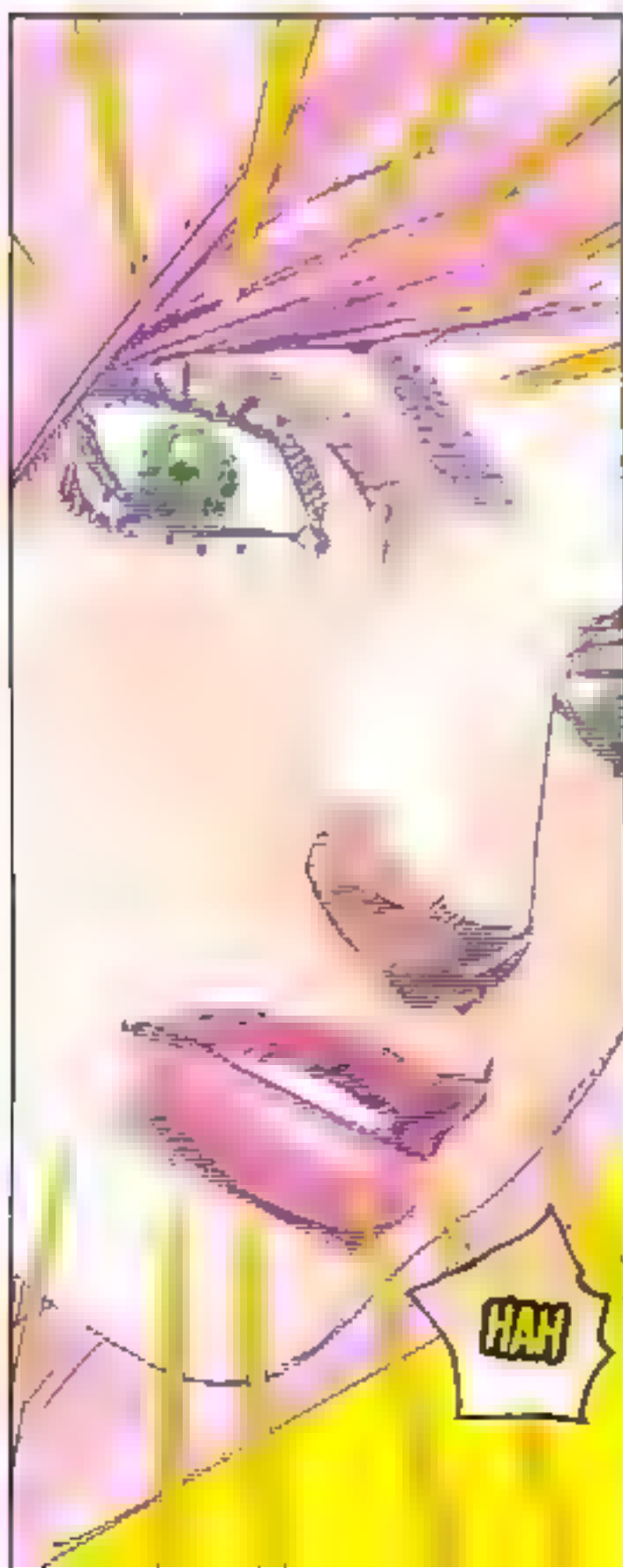
'MITSUBA'-  
SAN.



THE ONE  
ALWAYS  
HIDING  
HER MOUTH  
WITH HER  
HAND...



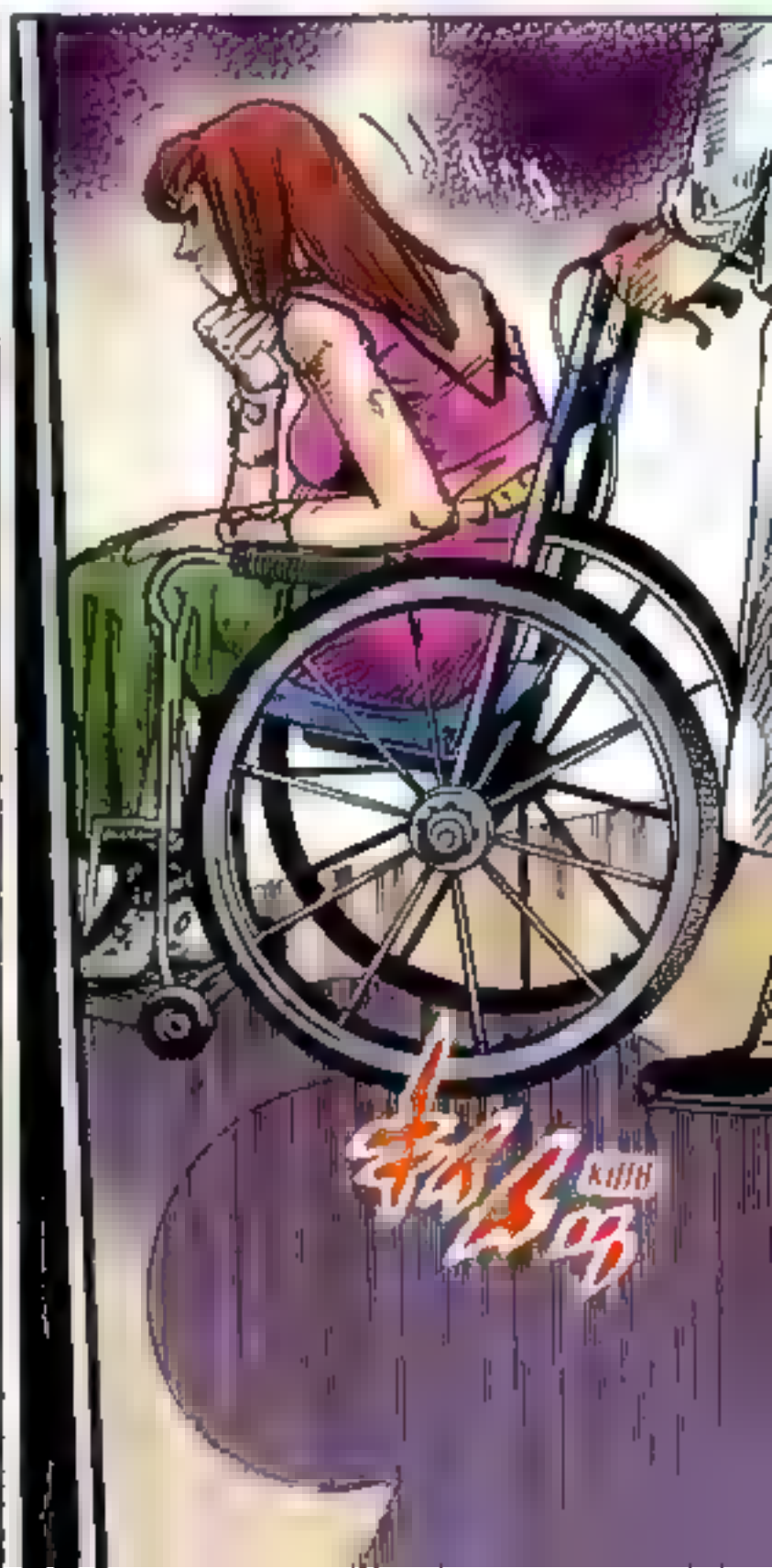
THAT  
WOMAN.  
ISN'T  
THAT...



HAH



...



4/6 3/03 KISH





Time Until the Harvest of the Locacaca Fruit

【 10 Days, 19 hours, and 6 minutes 】





**PRESENTED BY: DUCKS WITH HATS**

**TYPESETTING: MINEDOR**

**CLEANING: NAT71828**

**TRANSLATION: HI WA MATA NOBORU**

**LOGO: THATDUDE**

**QUALITY CONTROL: NAT71828, B1ACKZERO**

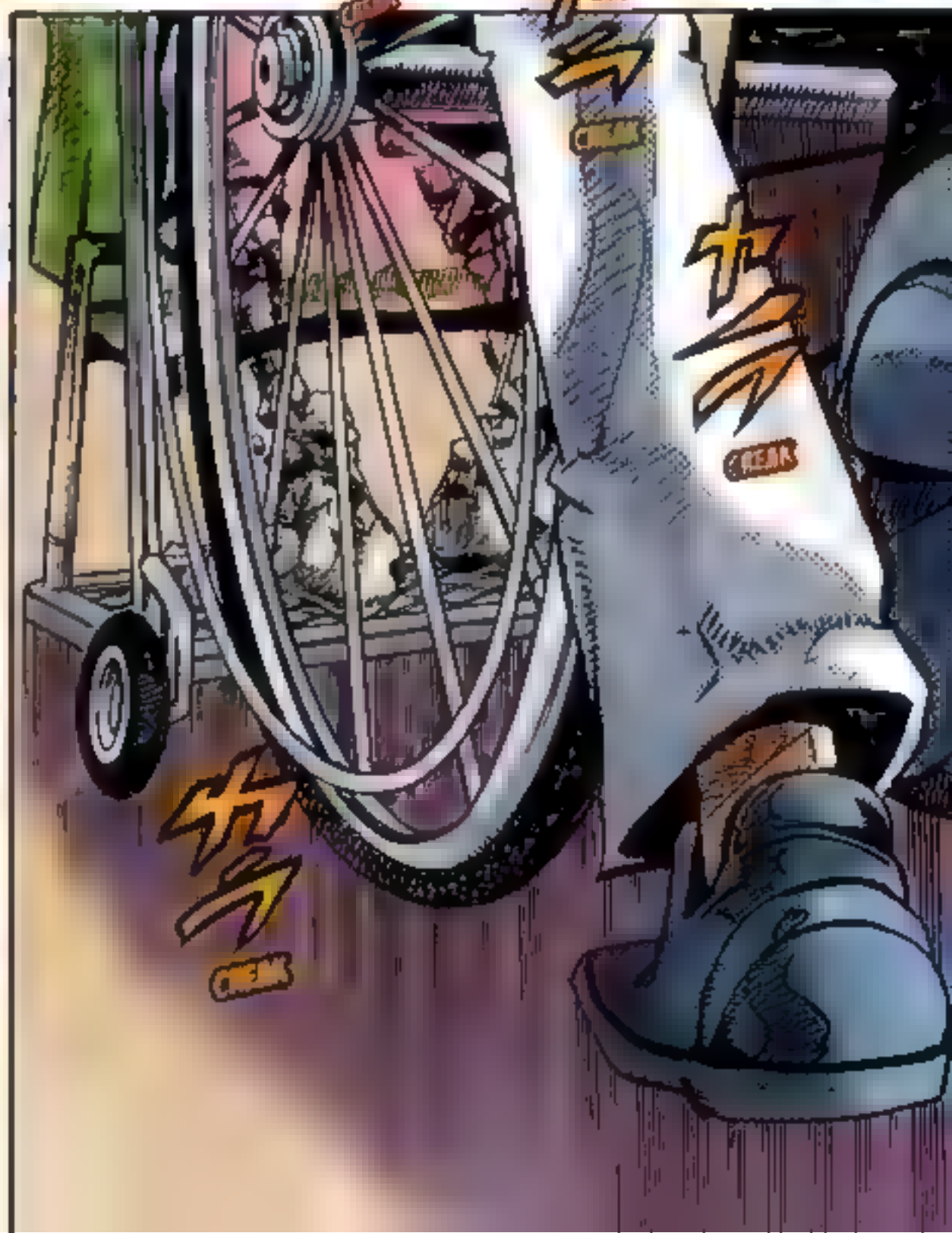
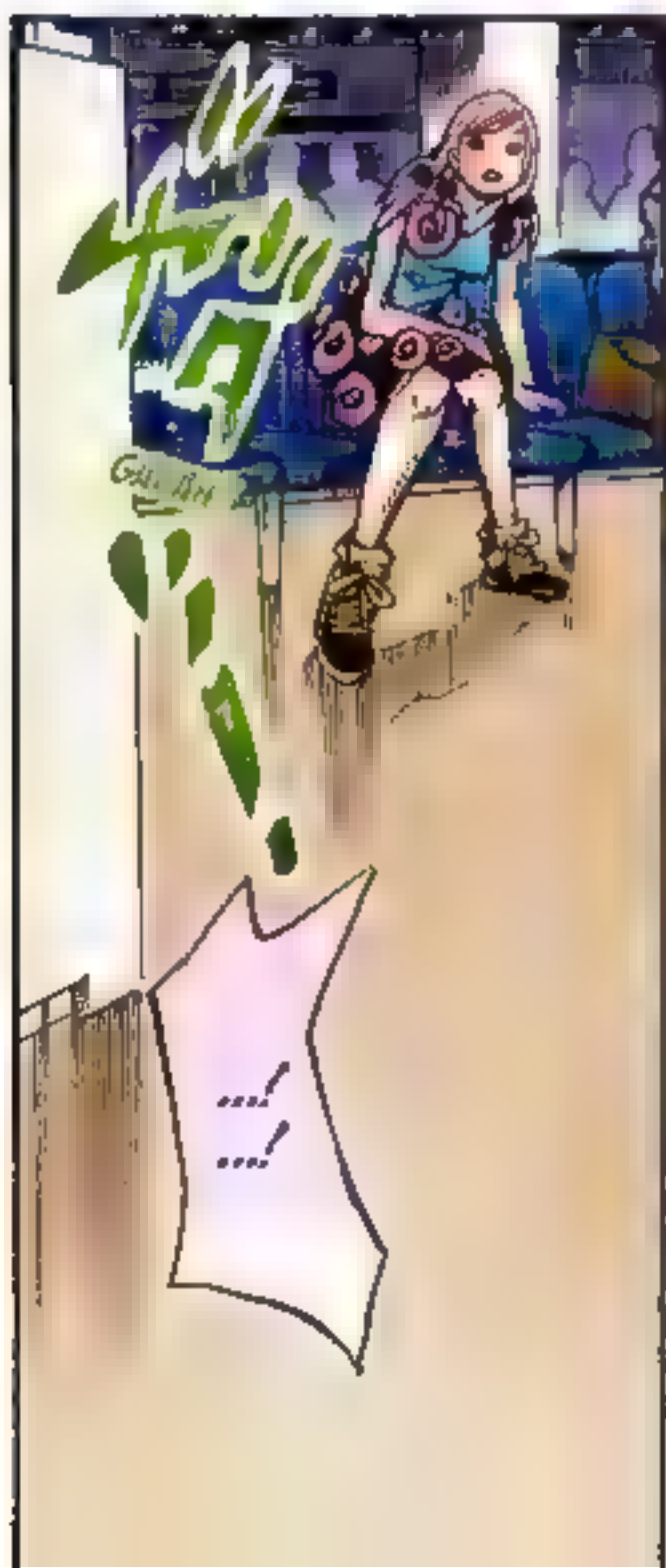
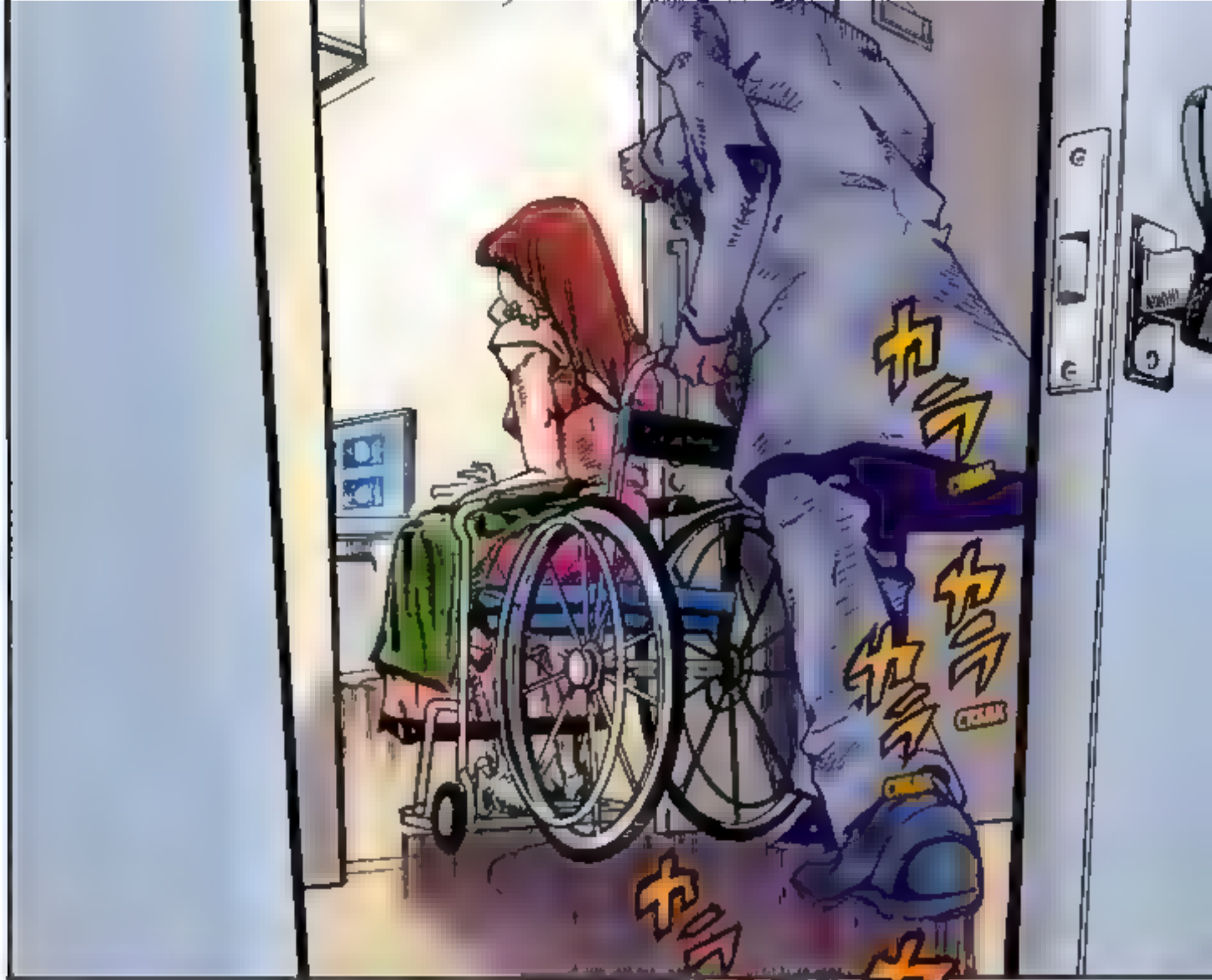


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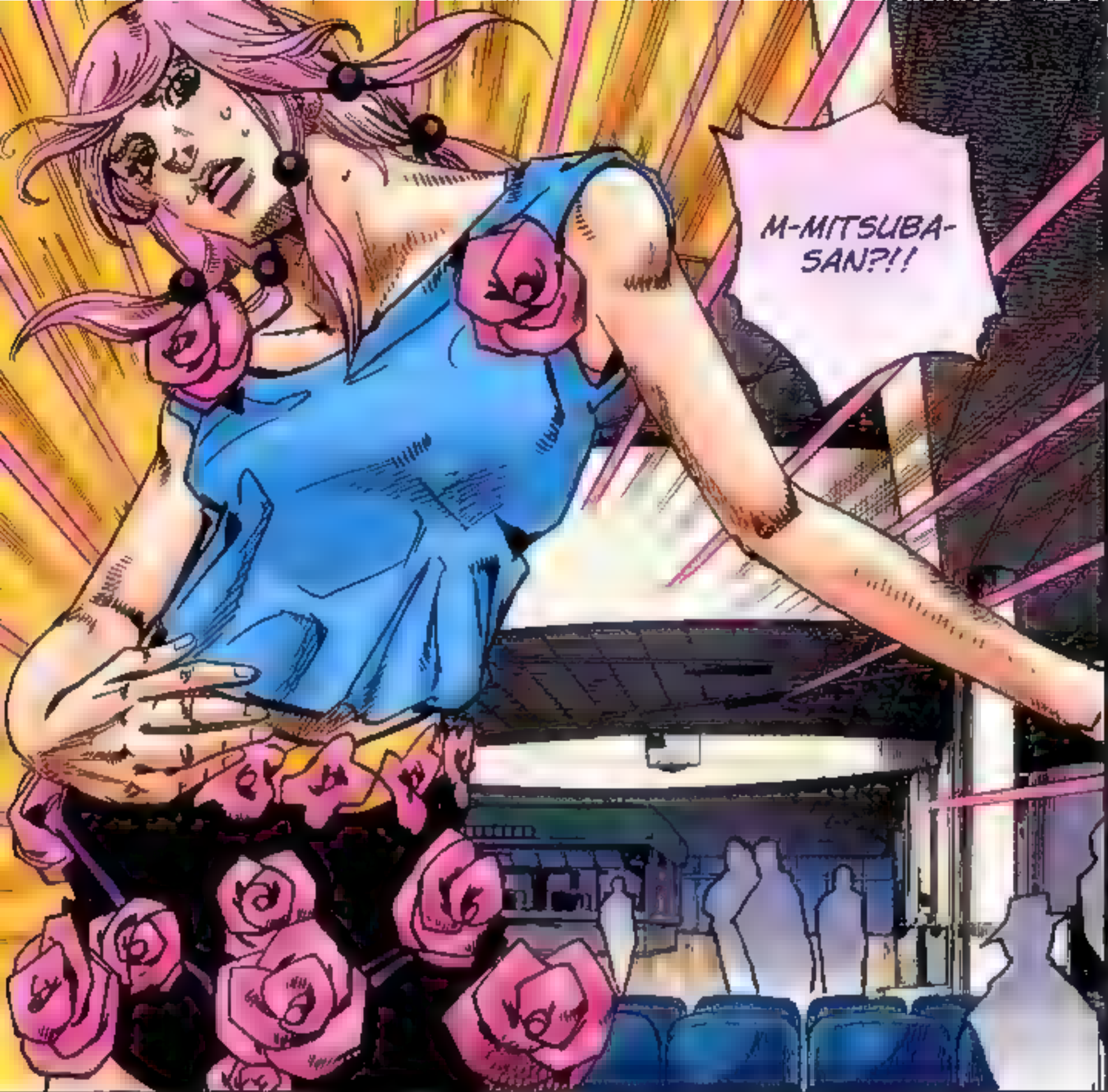
**WU TOMOKI-SENSEI**



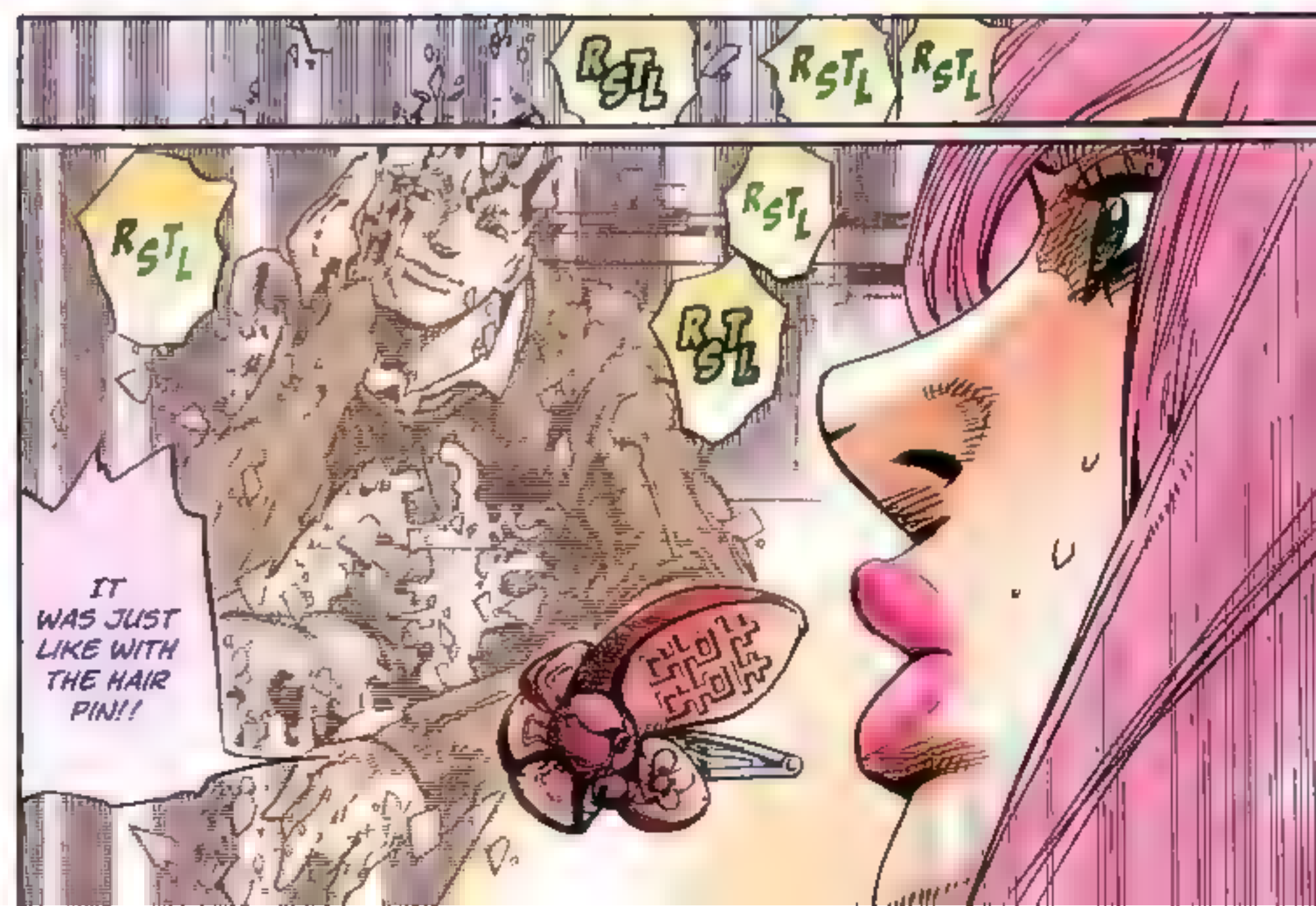
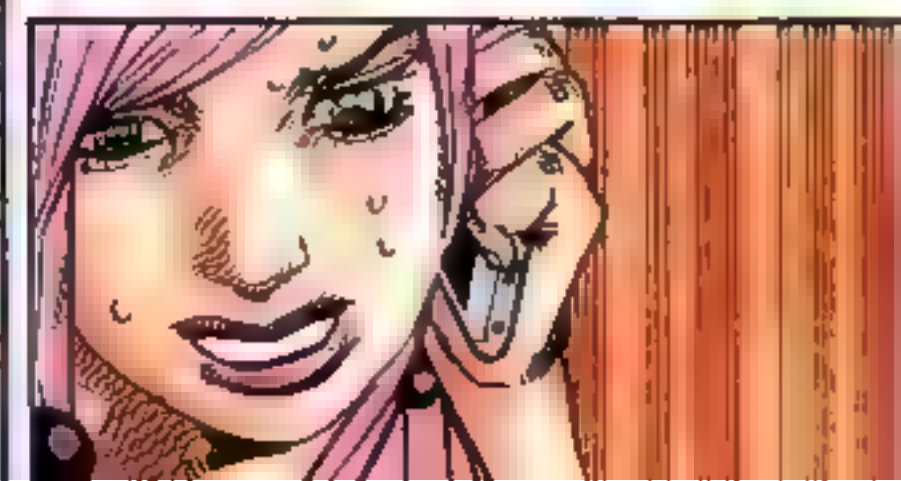
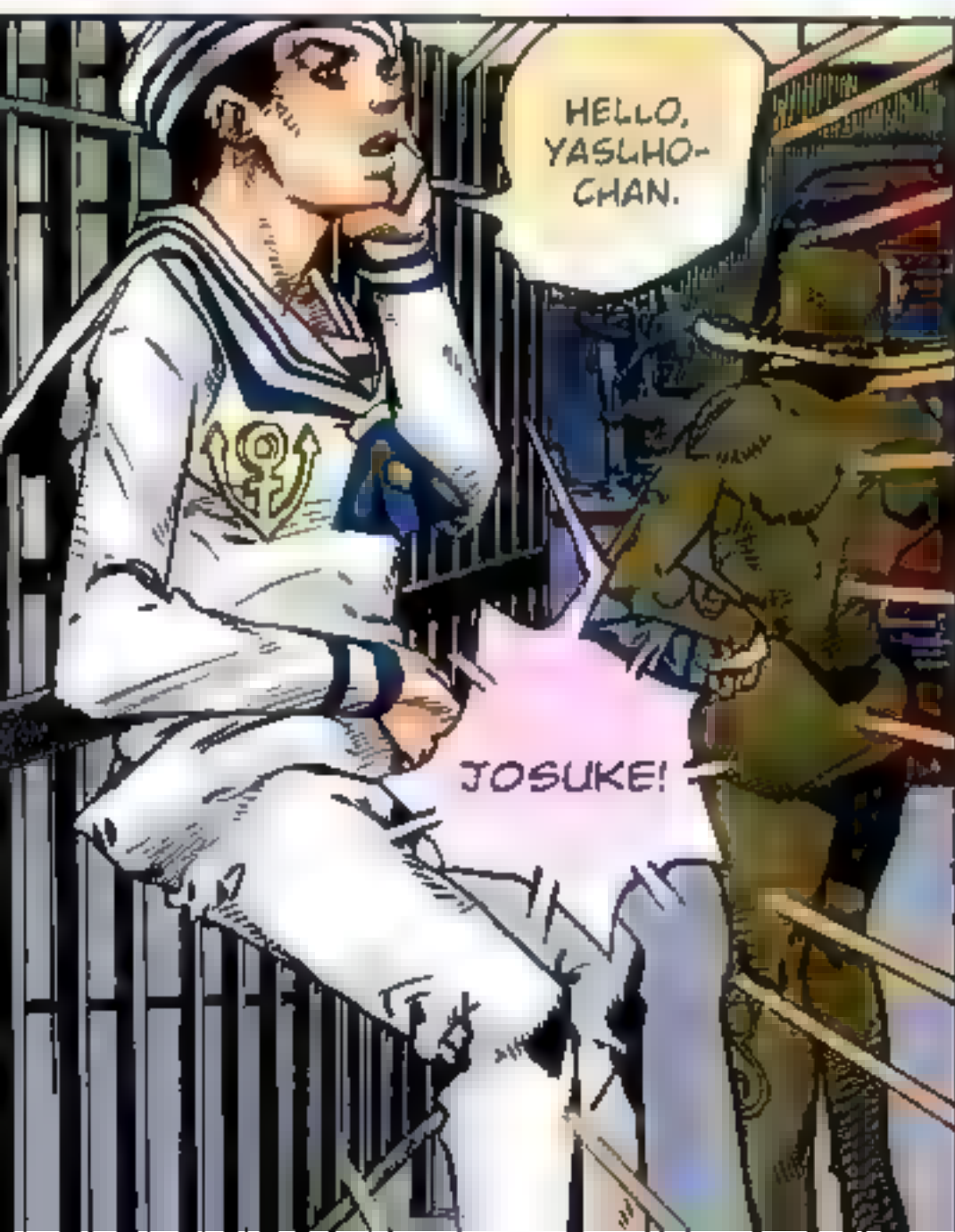








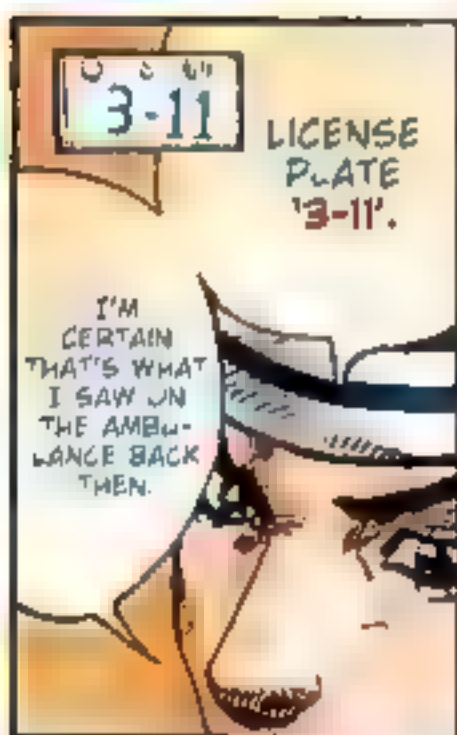








DID YOU  
SAY FIRE  
STATION?



LICENSE  
PLATE  
'3-11'.

I'M  
CERTAIN  
THAT'S WHAT  
I SAW ON  
THE AMBU-  
LANCE BACK  
THEN.



MAMEZUKU-SAN  
AND I ARE AT THE  
LONE PINE FIRE  
STATION.



WE'RE  
INVESTIGATING  
THE AMBULANCE  
THAT WAS AT  
THE FIRE



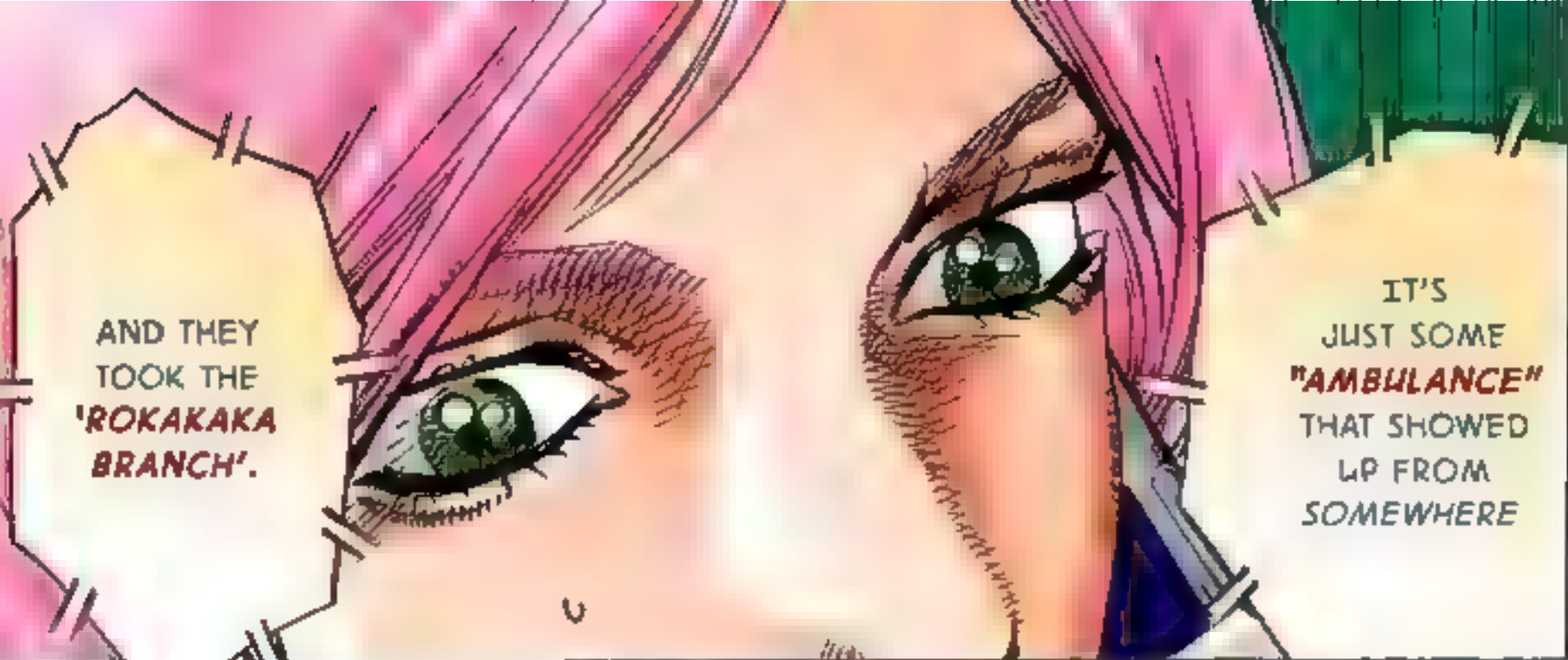
IN FACT,  
THERE'S NO  
AMBULANCE  
WITH A LICENSE  
PLATE NUMBER  
3-11 HERE  
AT ALL.

THERE ARE NO  
RECORDS OF  
AMBULANCE  
WORKERS HERE  
EITHER.

BUT  
THERE'S  
NO RECORD  
OF A 3-11  
AMBULANCE  
GOING  
ANYWHERE

DURING  
THE TIME THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
ORCHARD WAS  
ON FIRE.





AND THEY  
TOOK THE  
'ROKAKAKA  
BRANCH'.

IT'S  
JUST SOME  
"AMBULANCE"  
THAT SHOWED  
UP FROM  
SOMEWHERE



THERE WERE  
LOTS OF  
SECURITY  
CAMERAS  
IN THE  
ORCHARD.

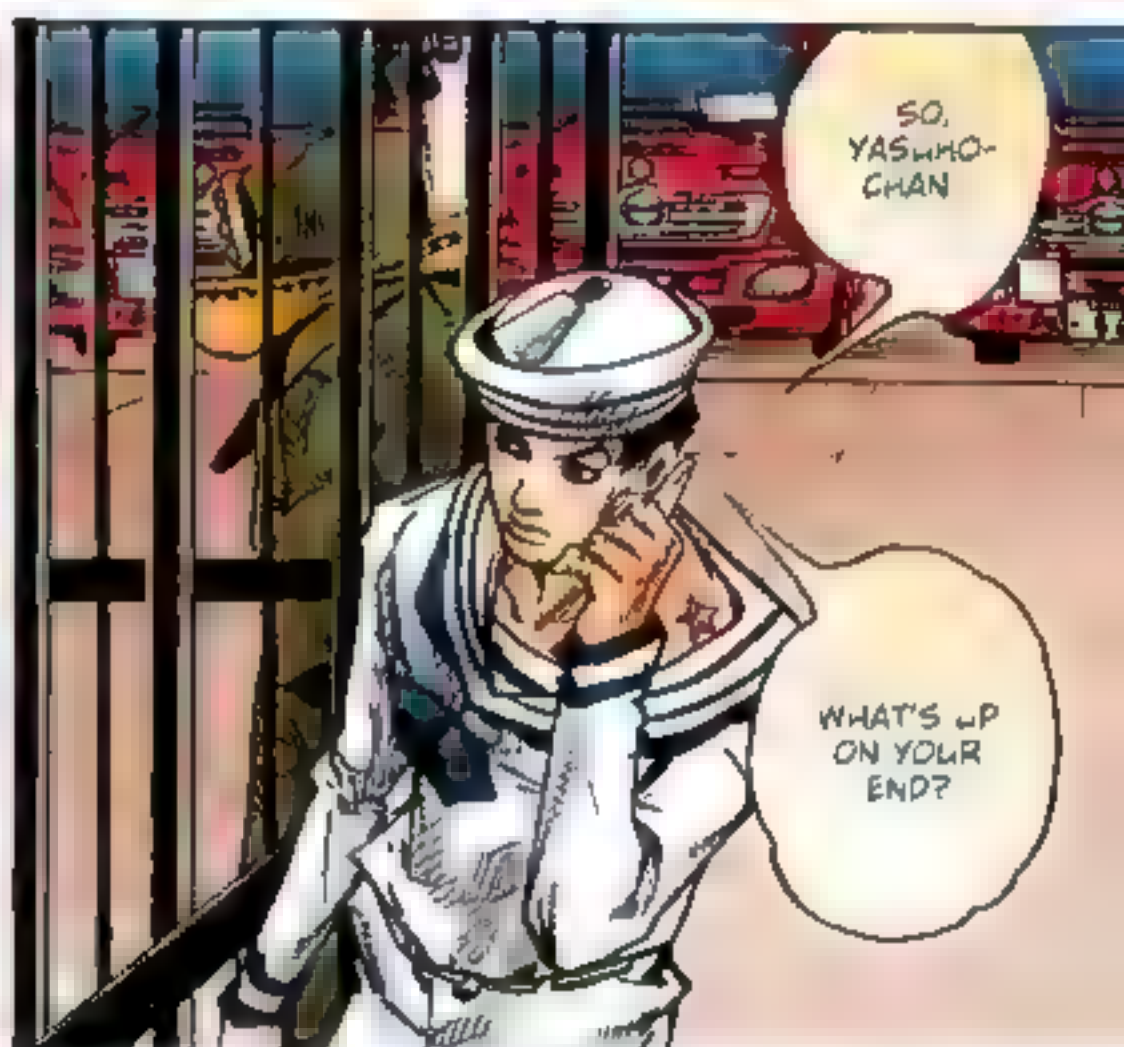
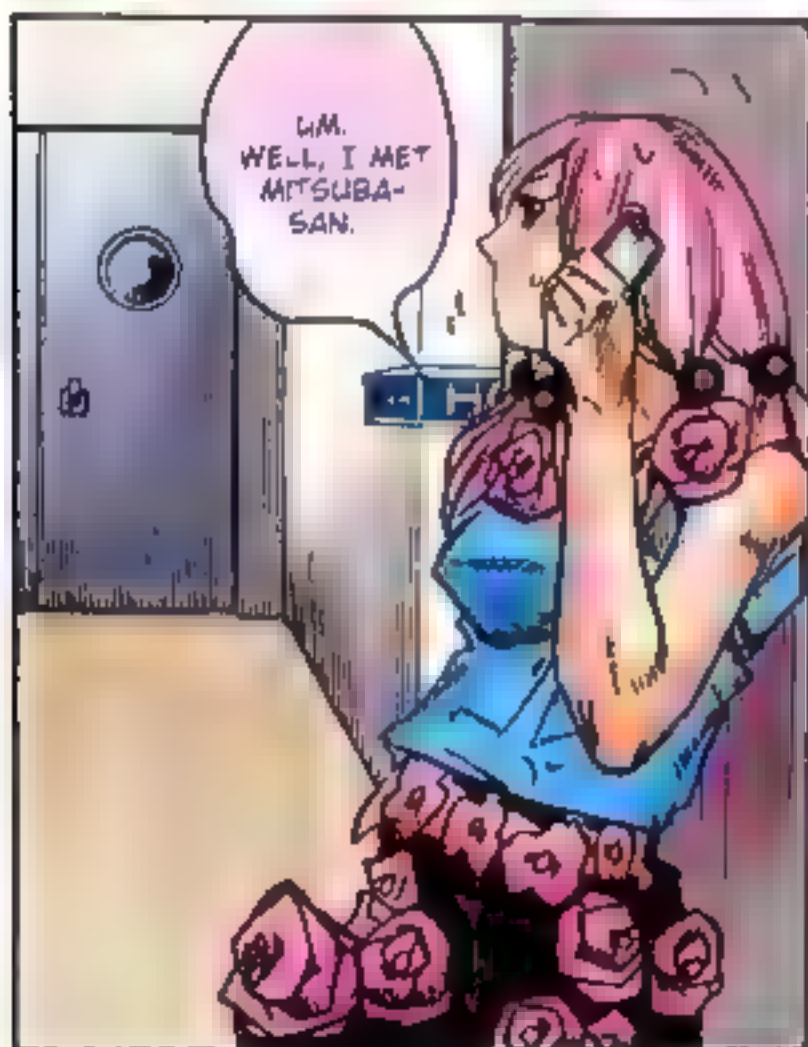
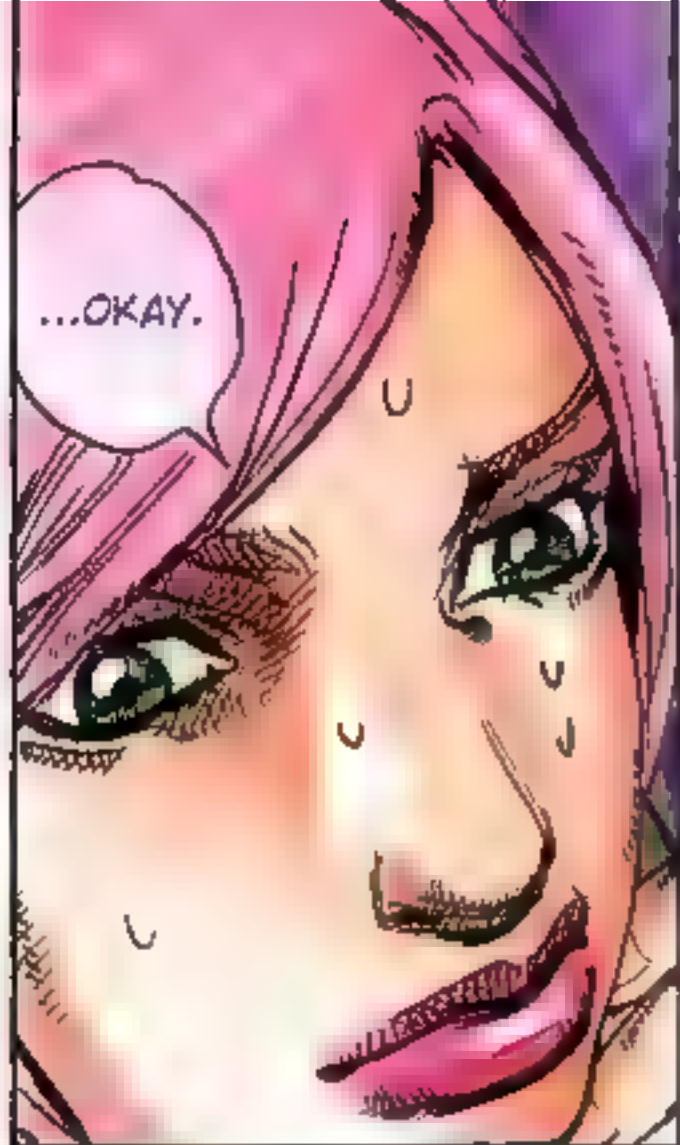
SO I'M  
SENDING YOU A  
VIDEO WE GOT  
FROM THEM

PLEASE  
TAKE A  
LOOK

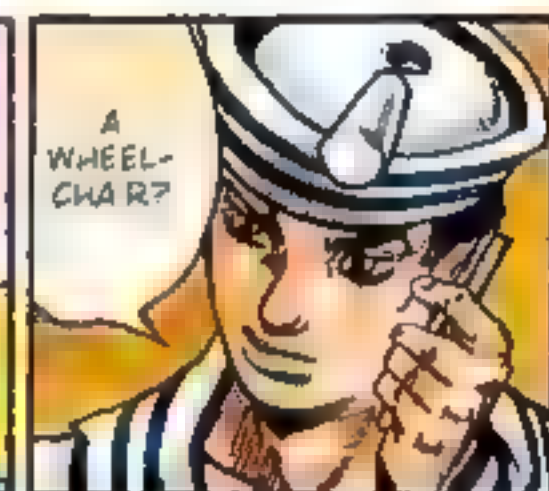
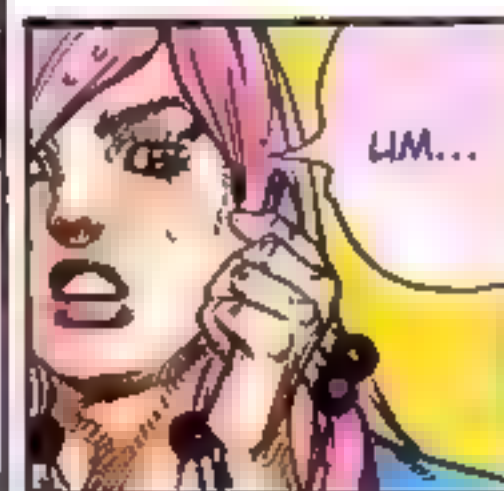
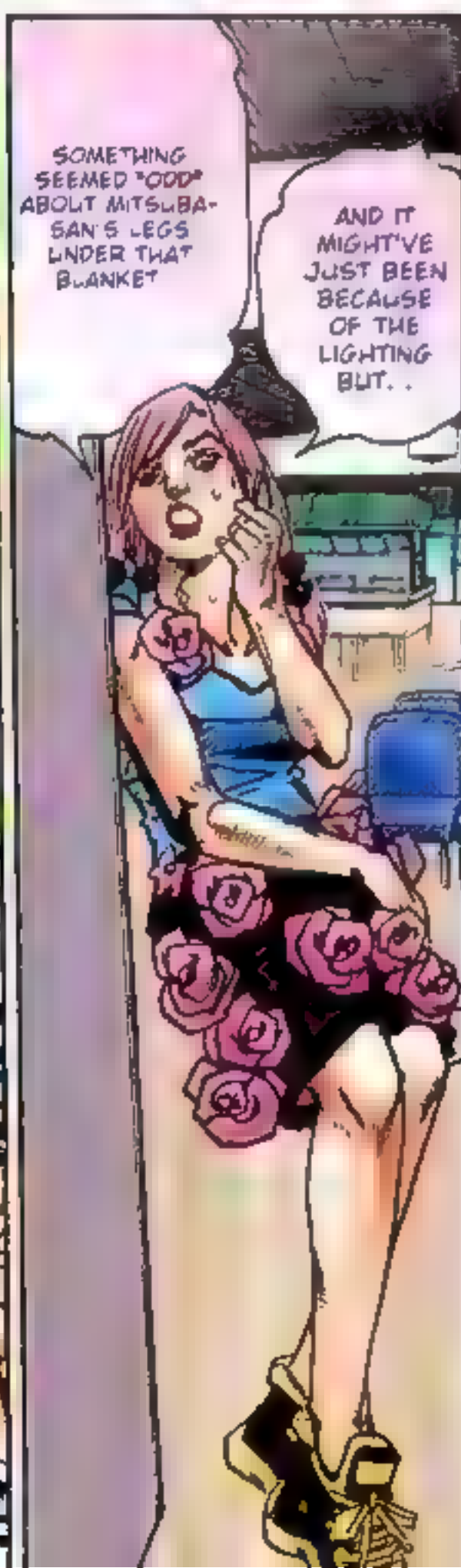
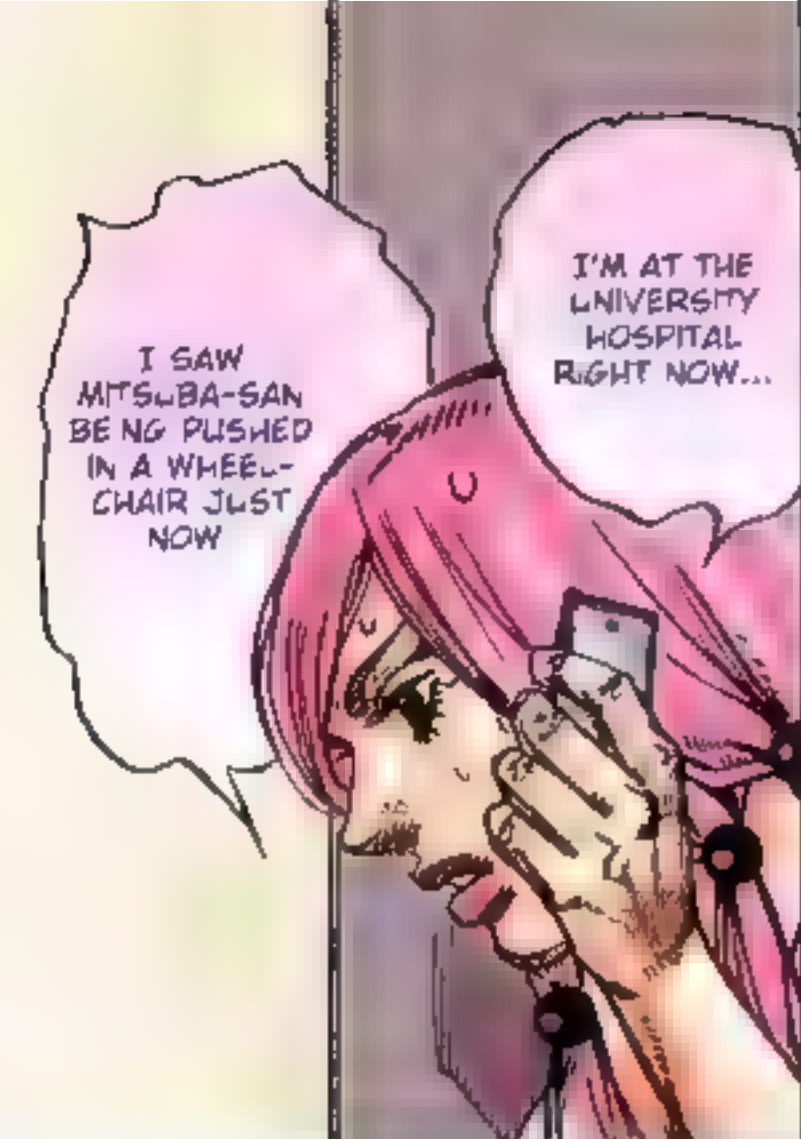
THIS  
IS THE  
'ENEMY'  
WE'RE  
LOOKING  
FOR



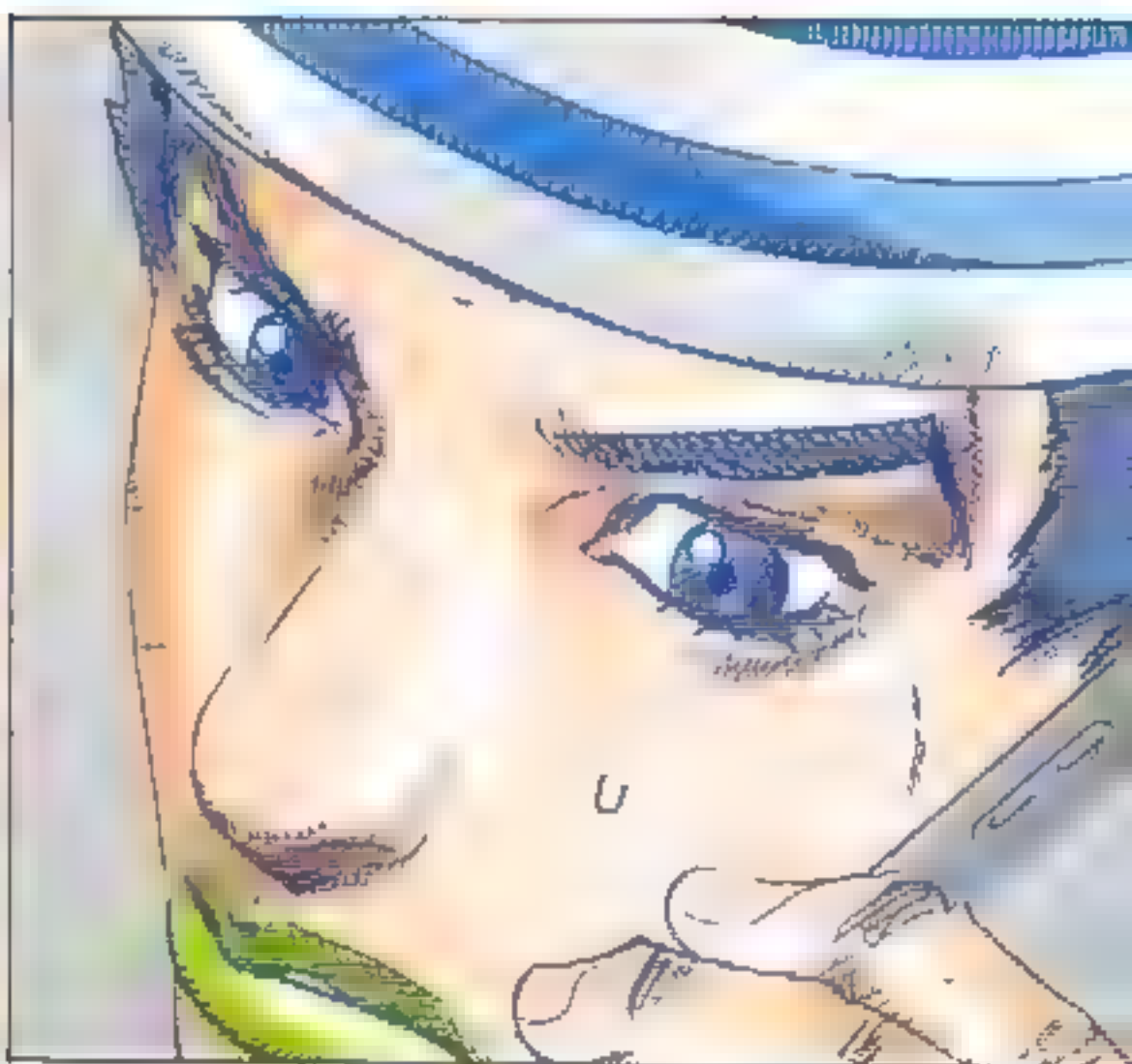
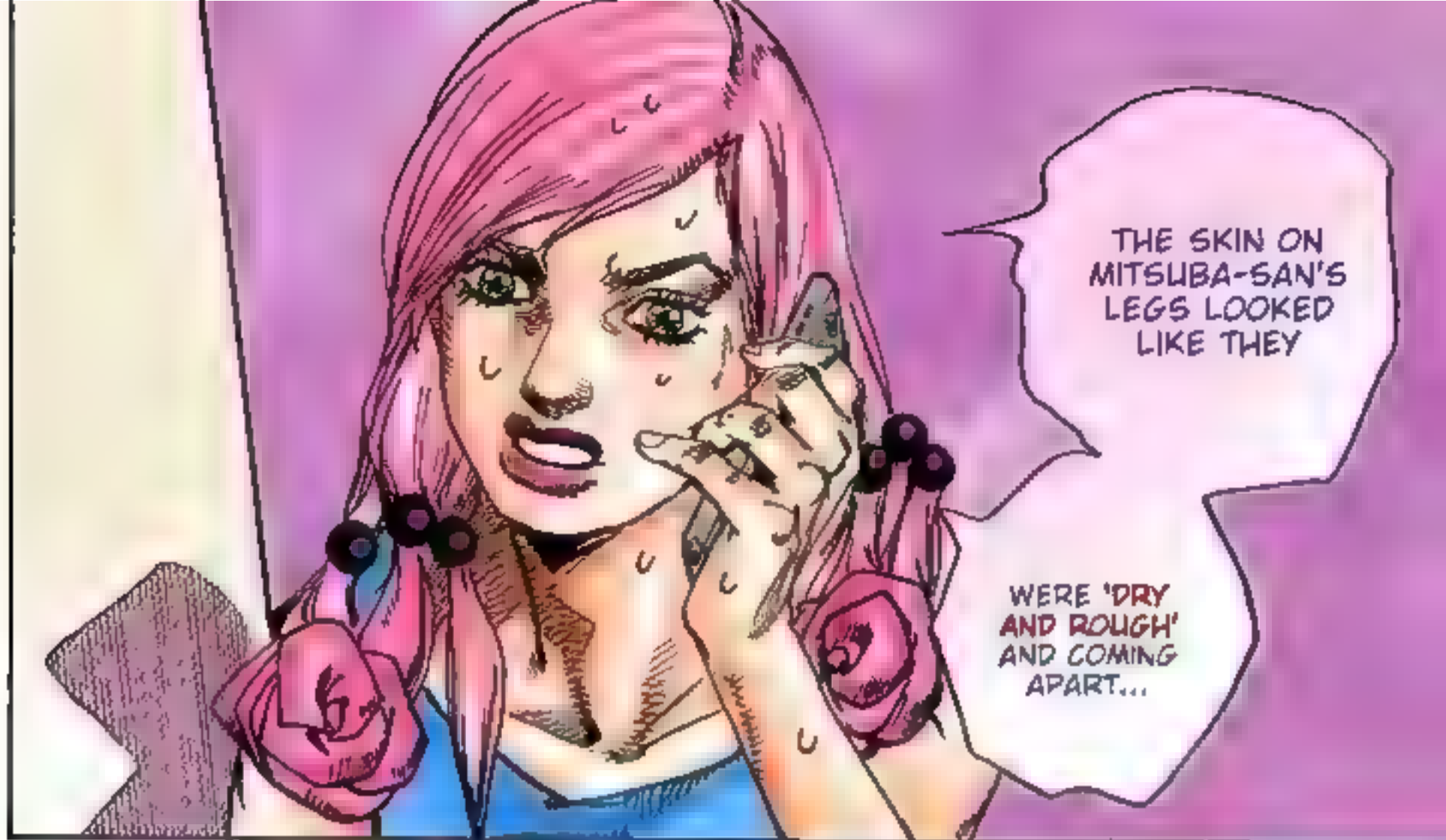




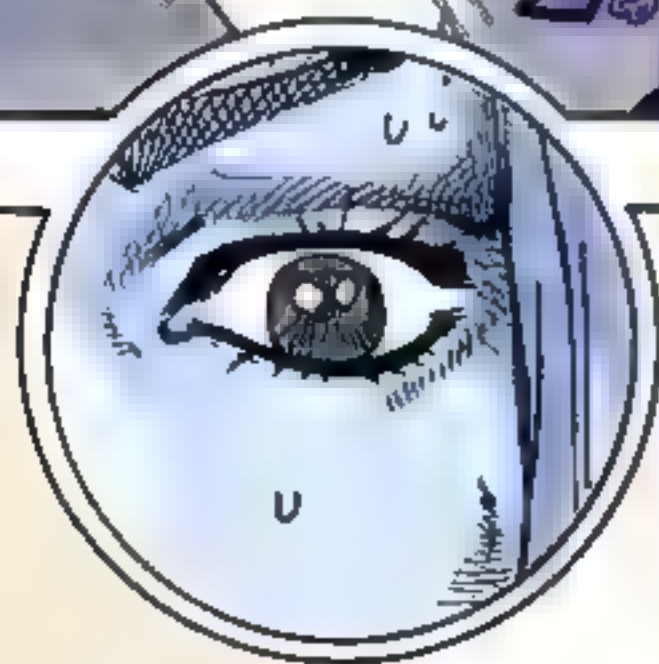
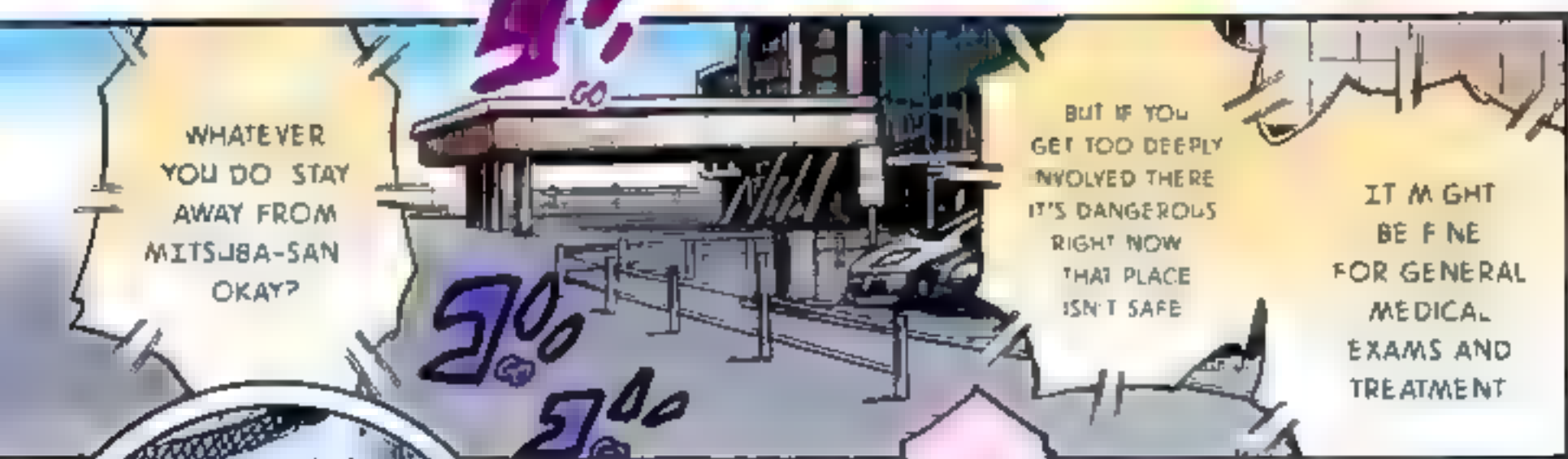
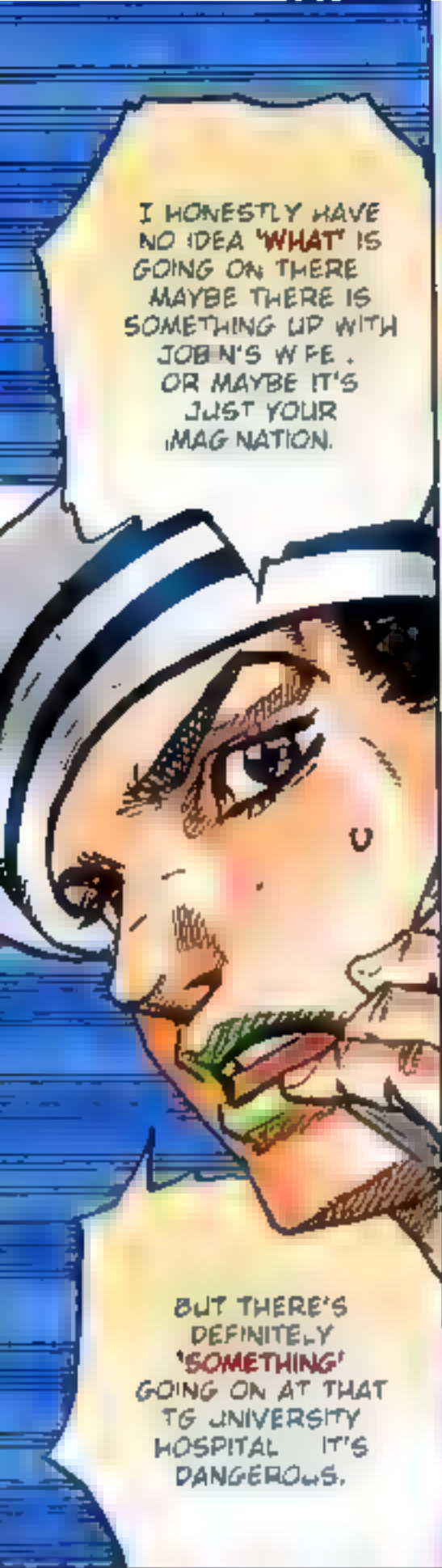




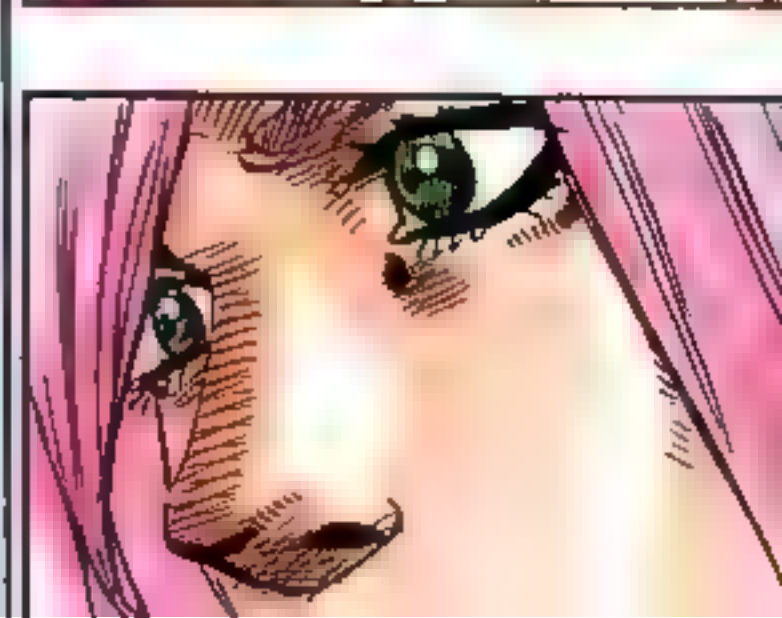
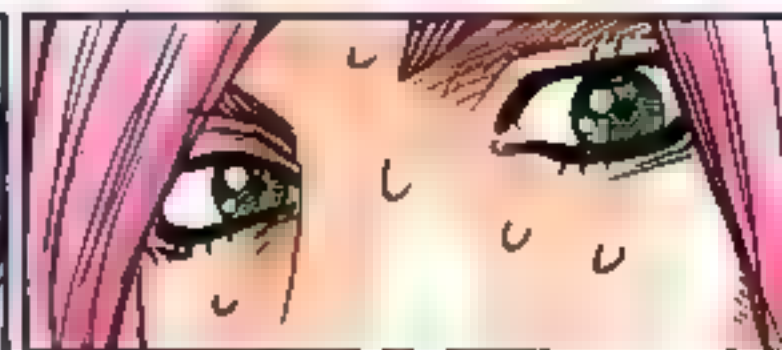
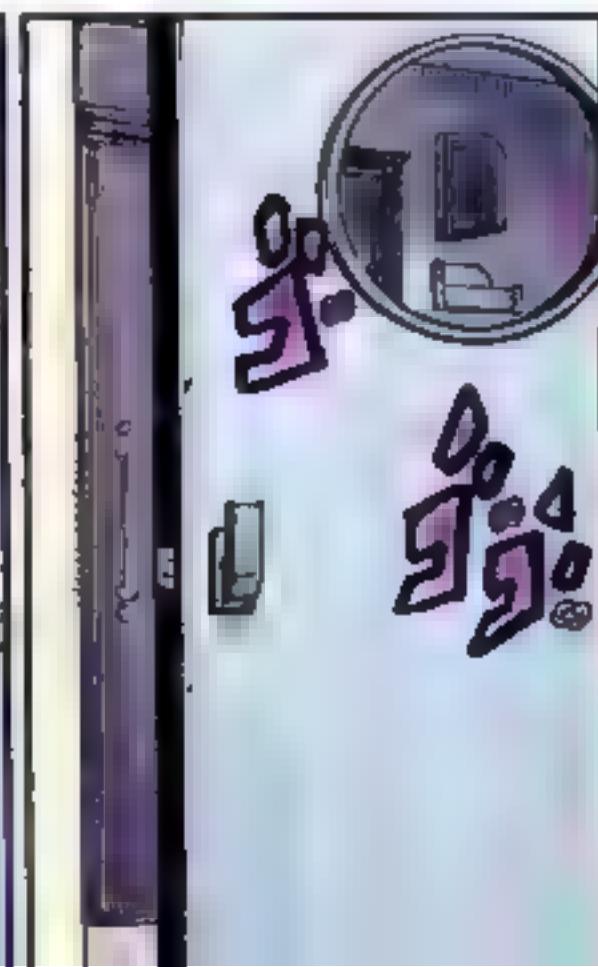
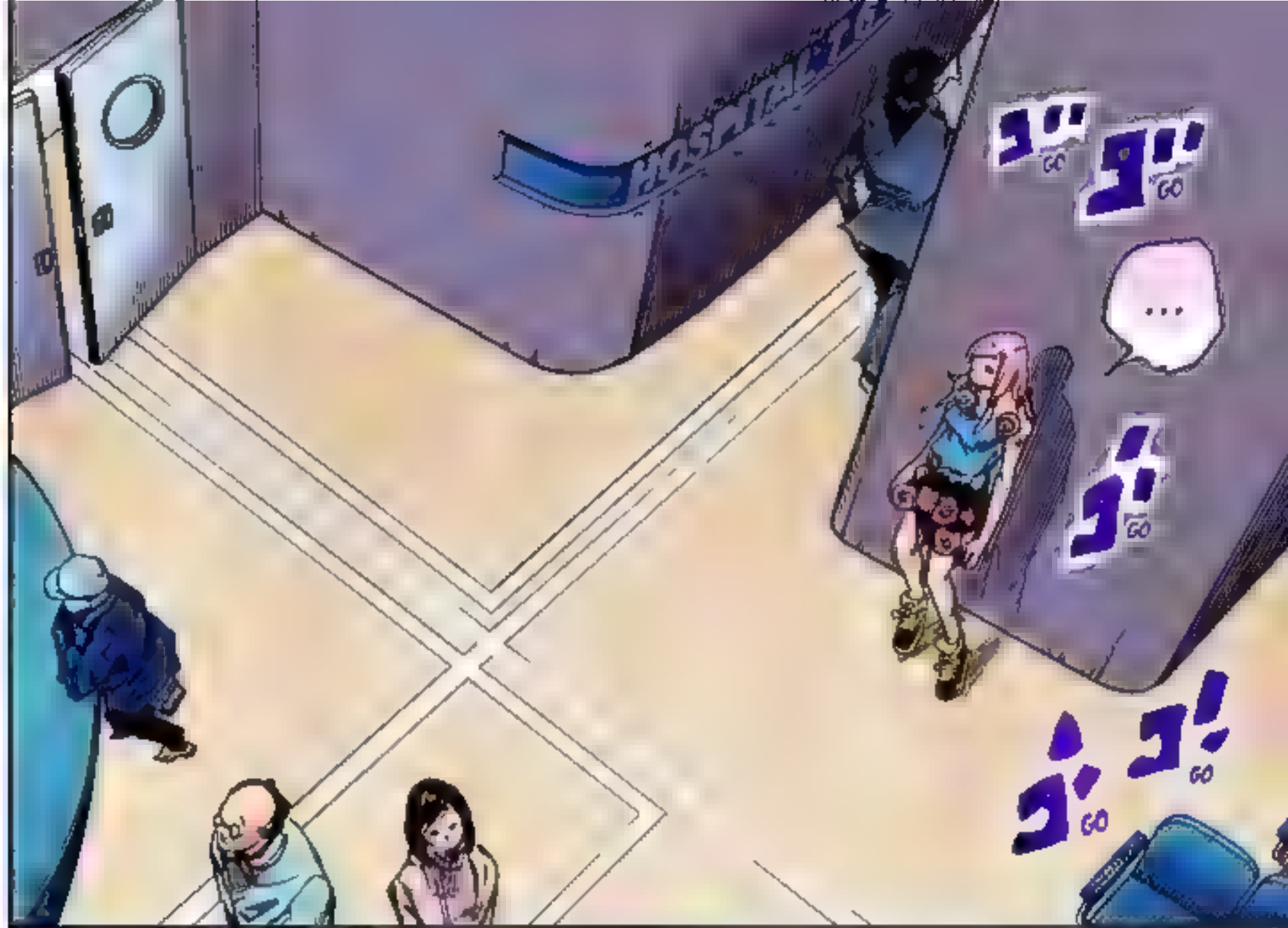




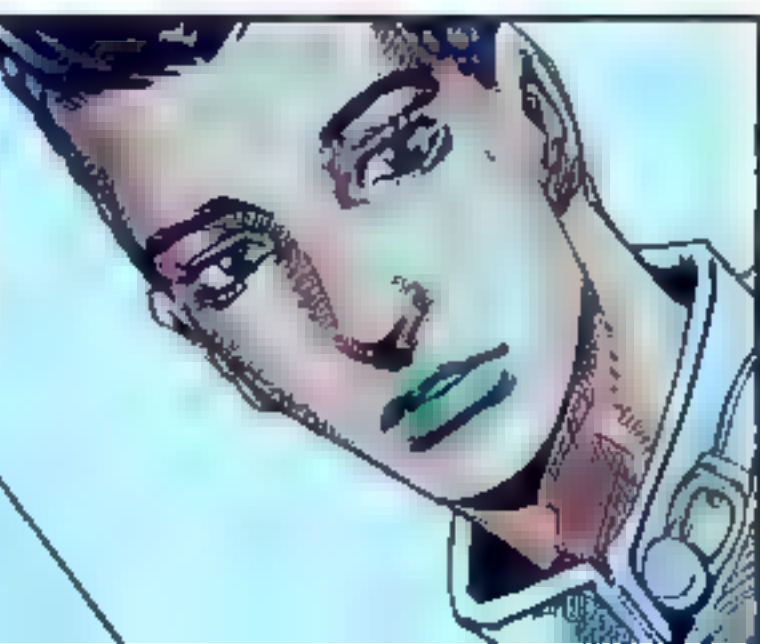
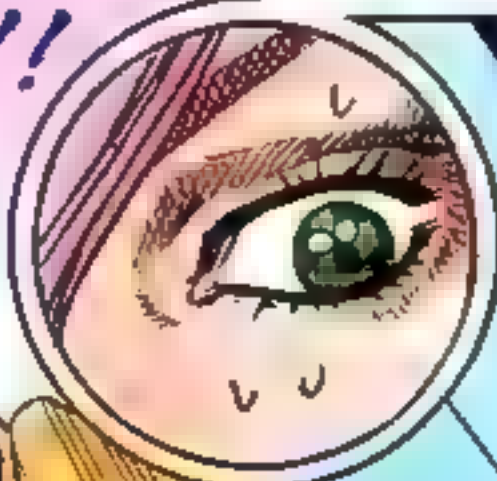
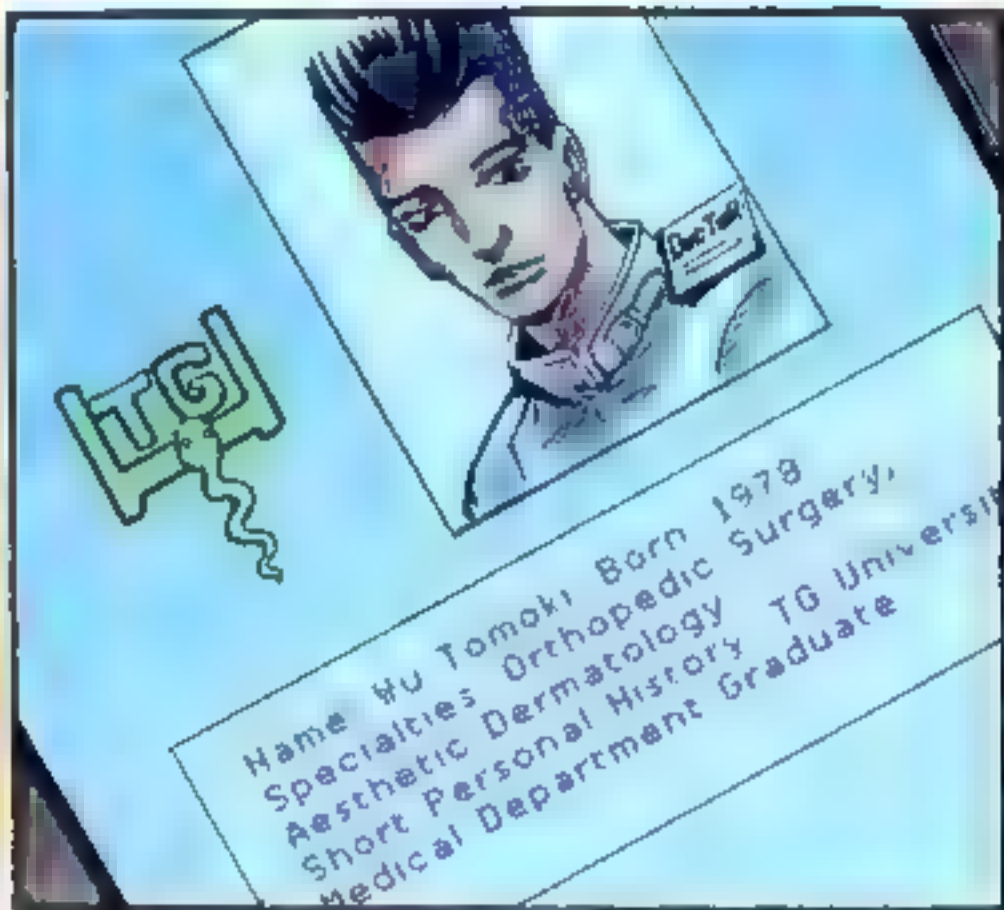
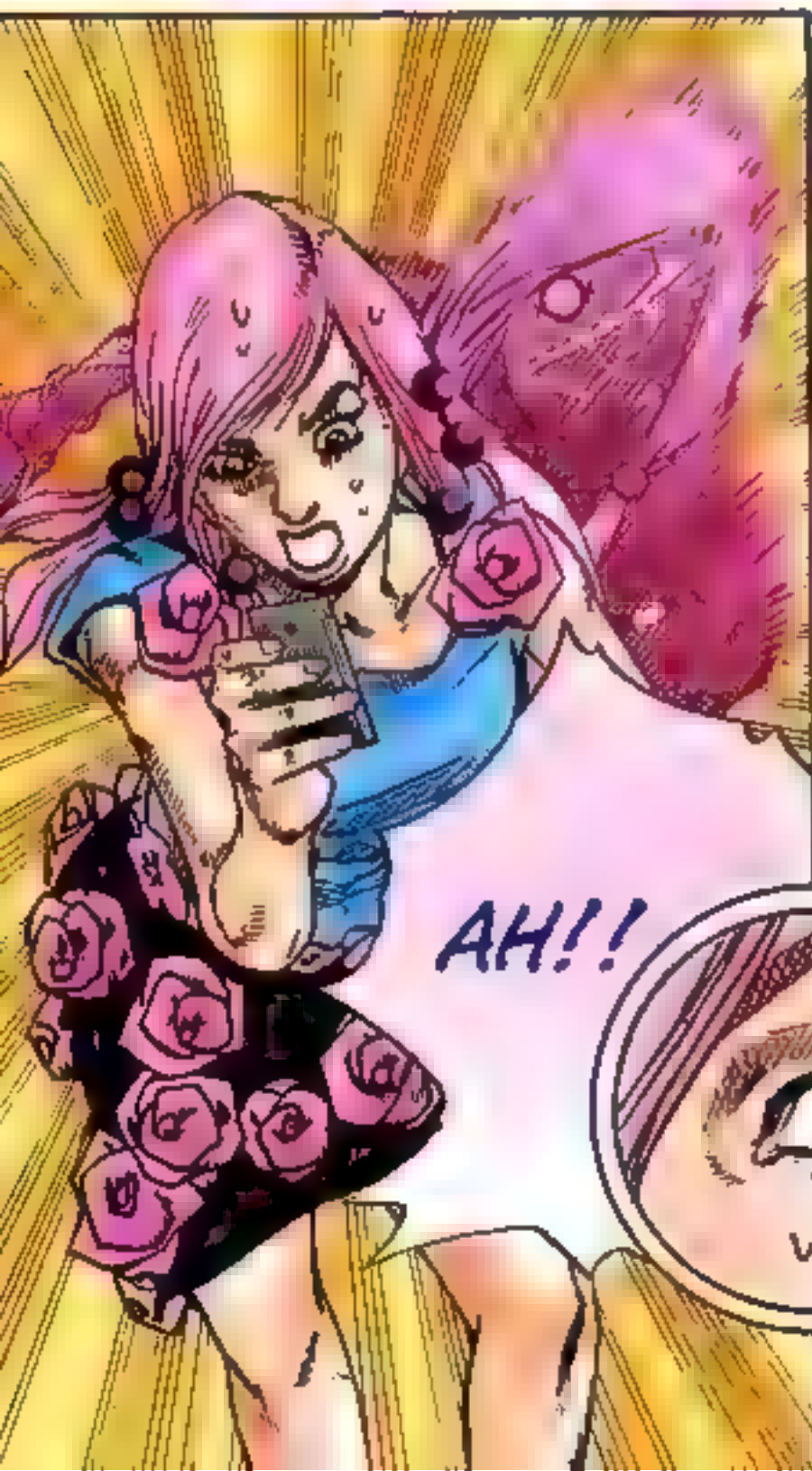
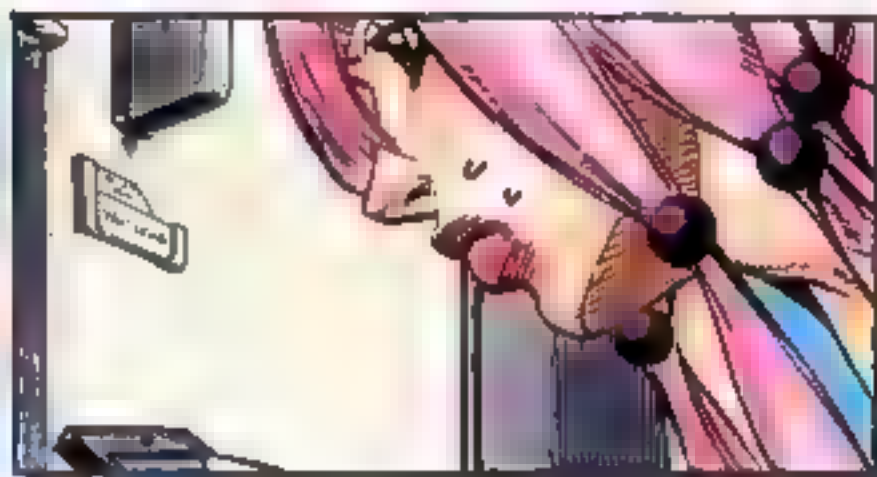
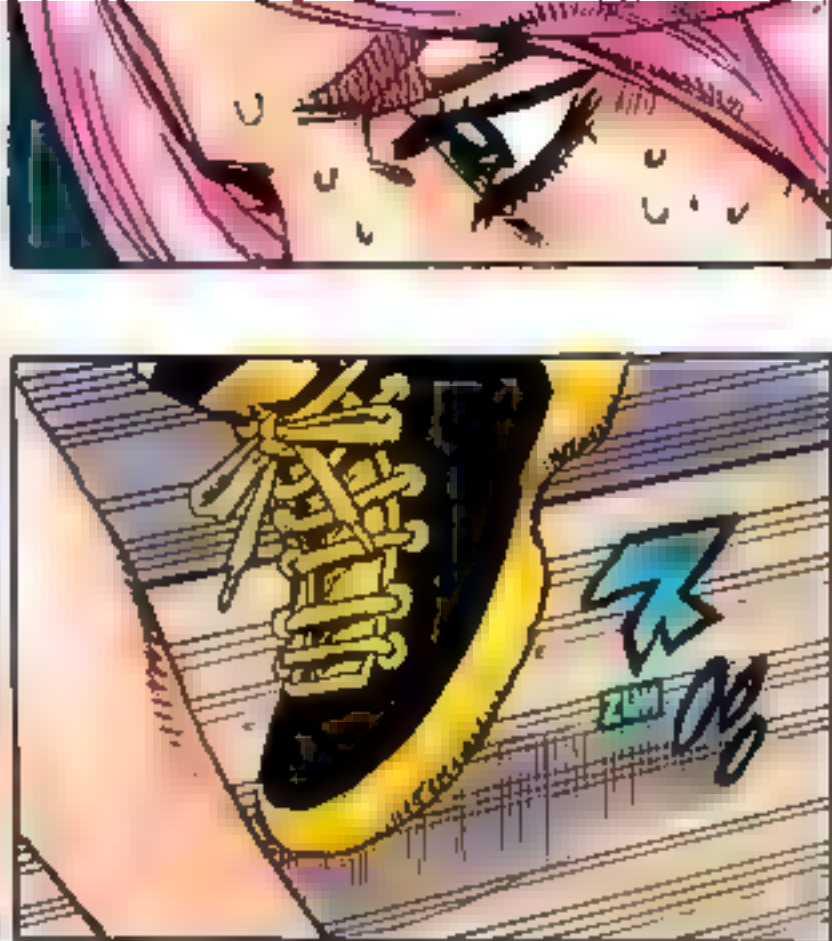




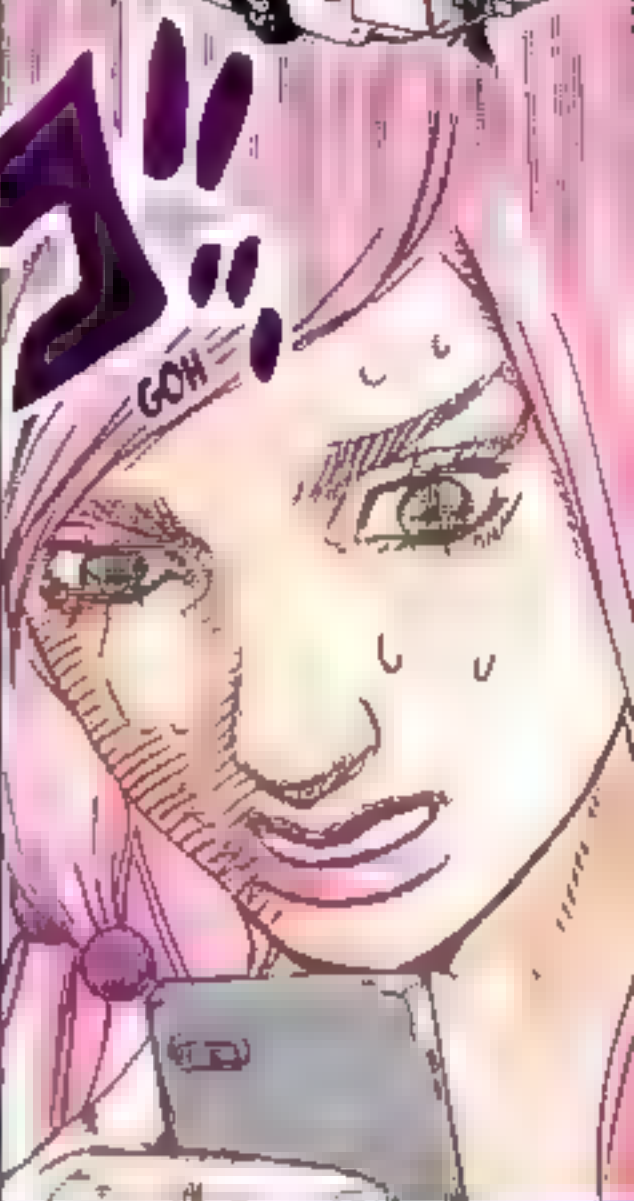
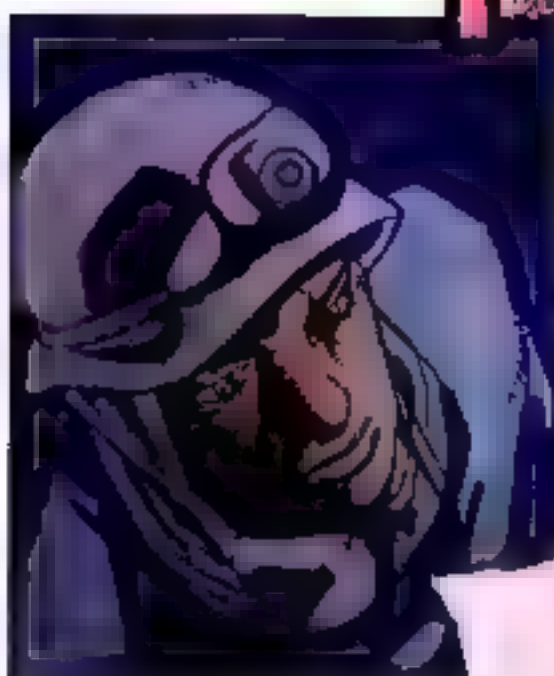
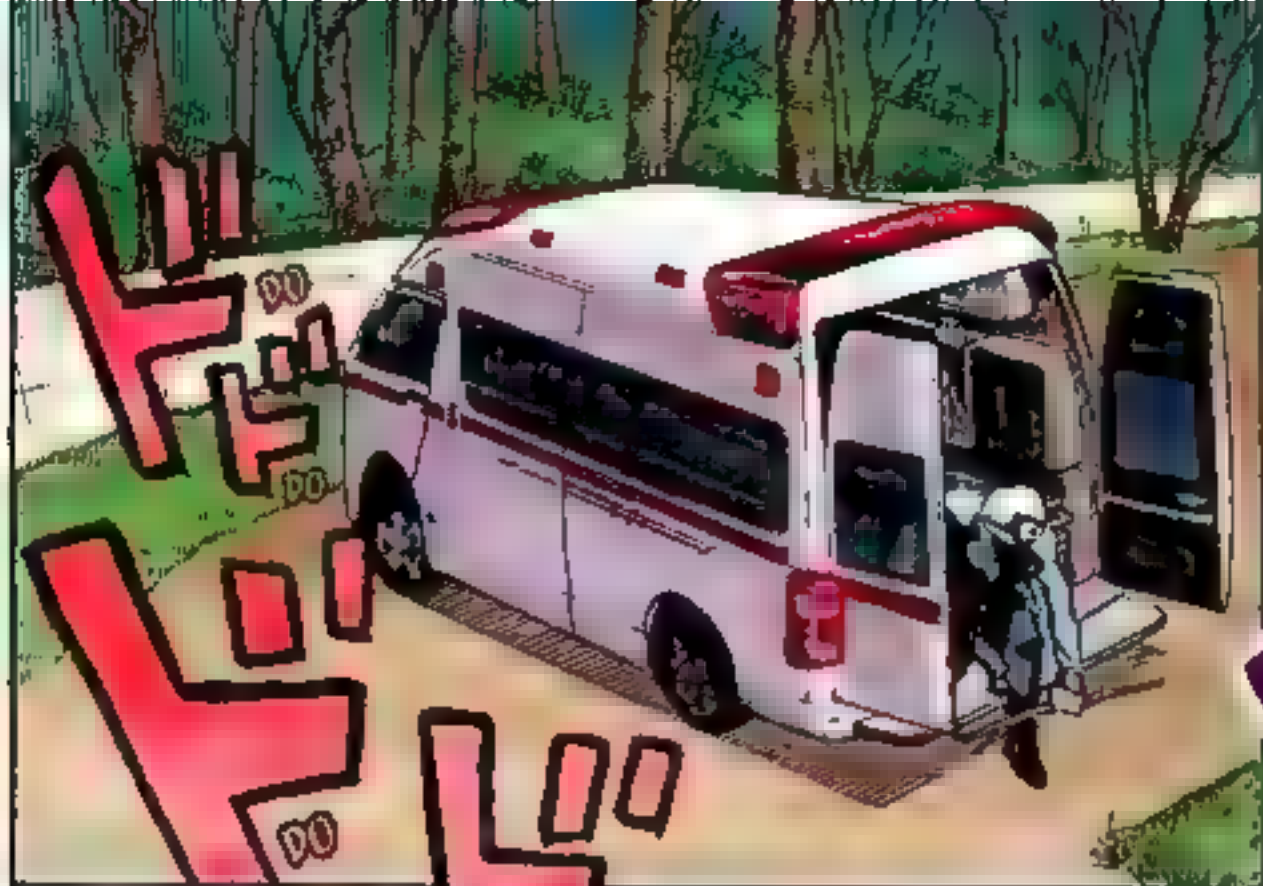




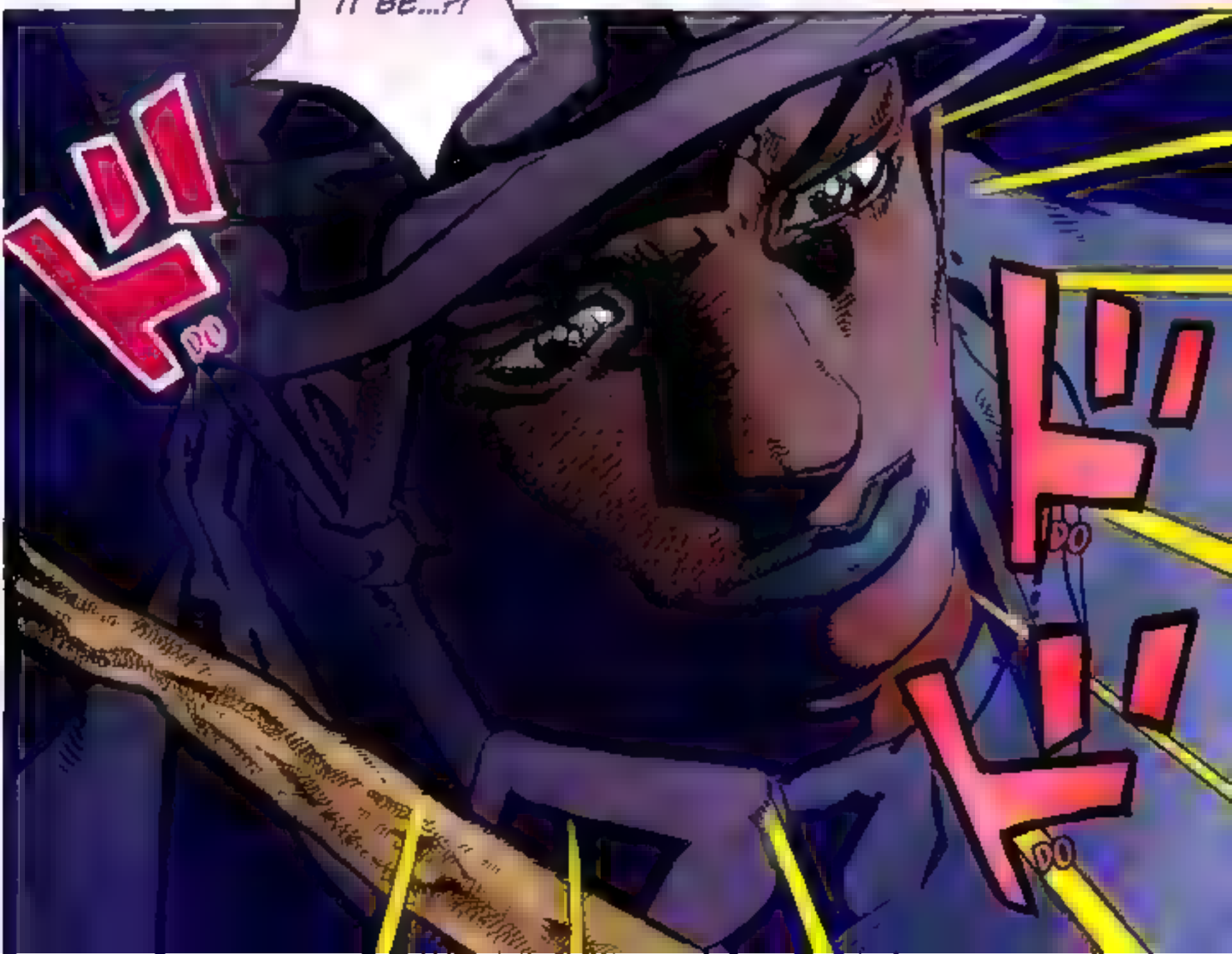








C-COULD  
IT BE...?!

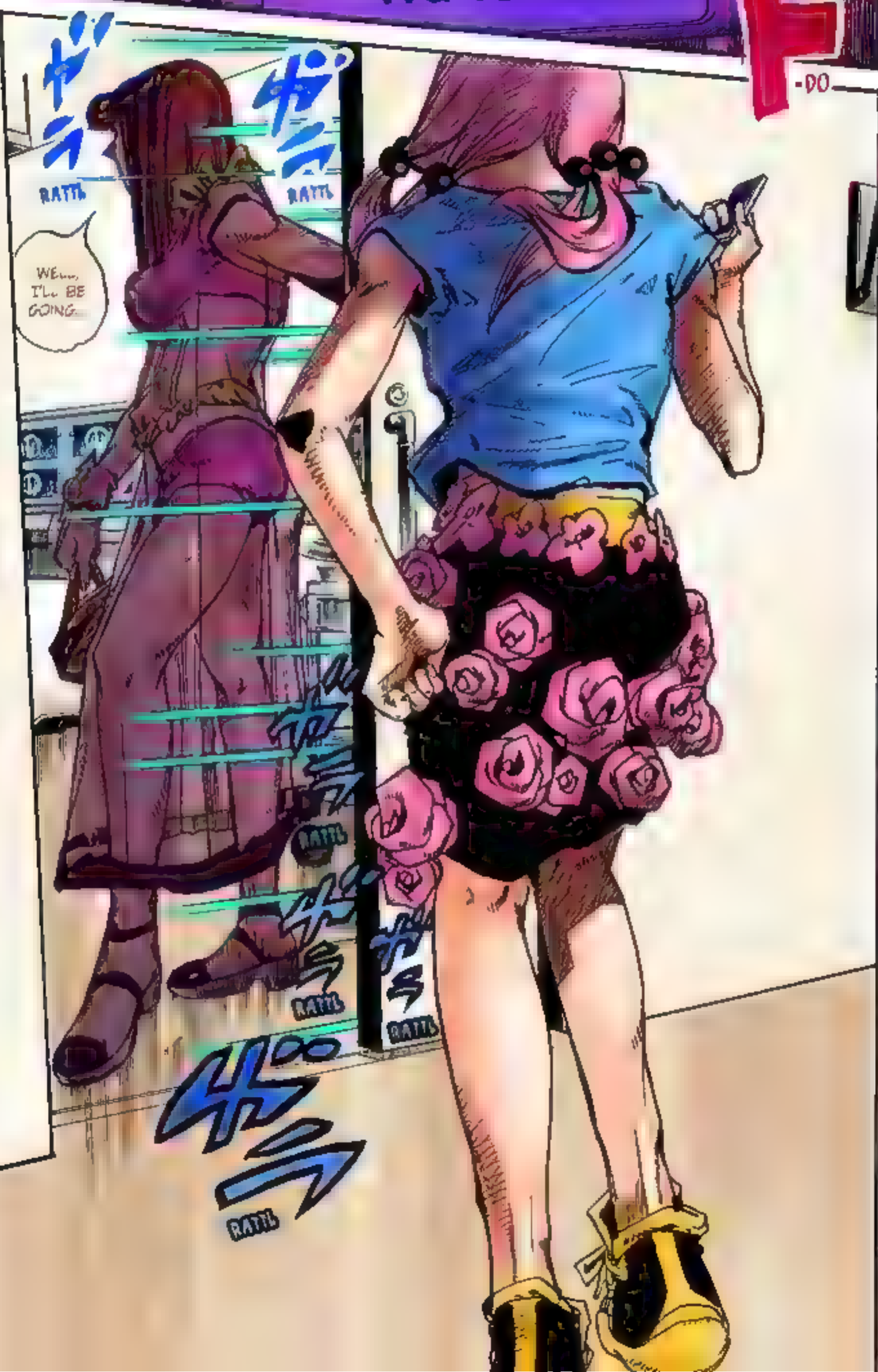




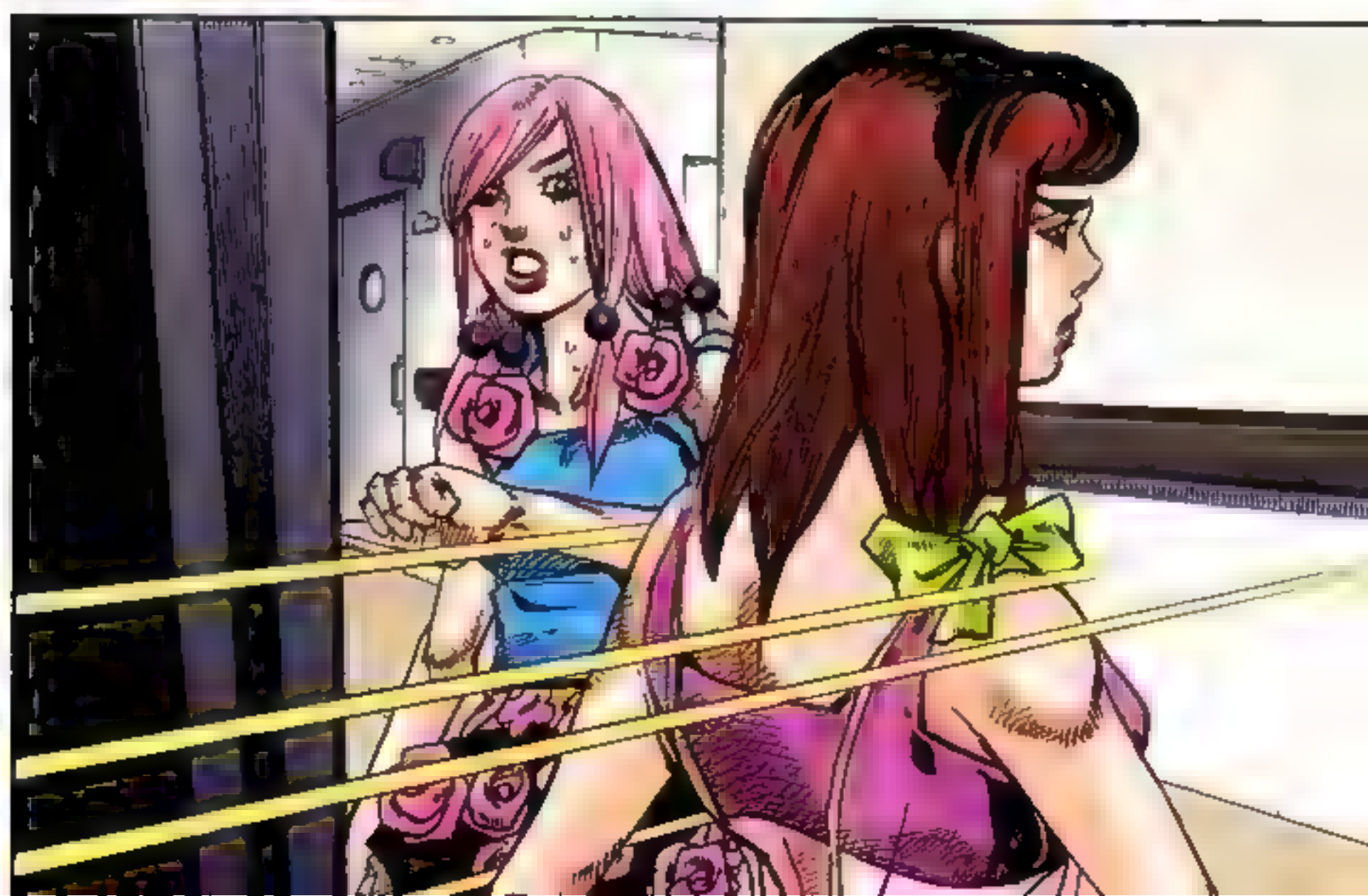
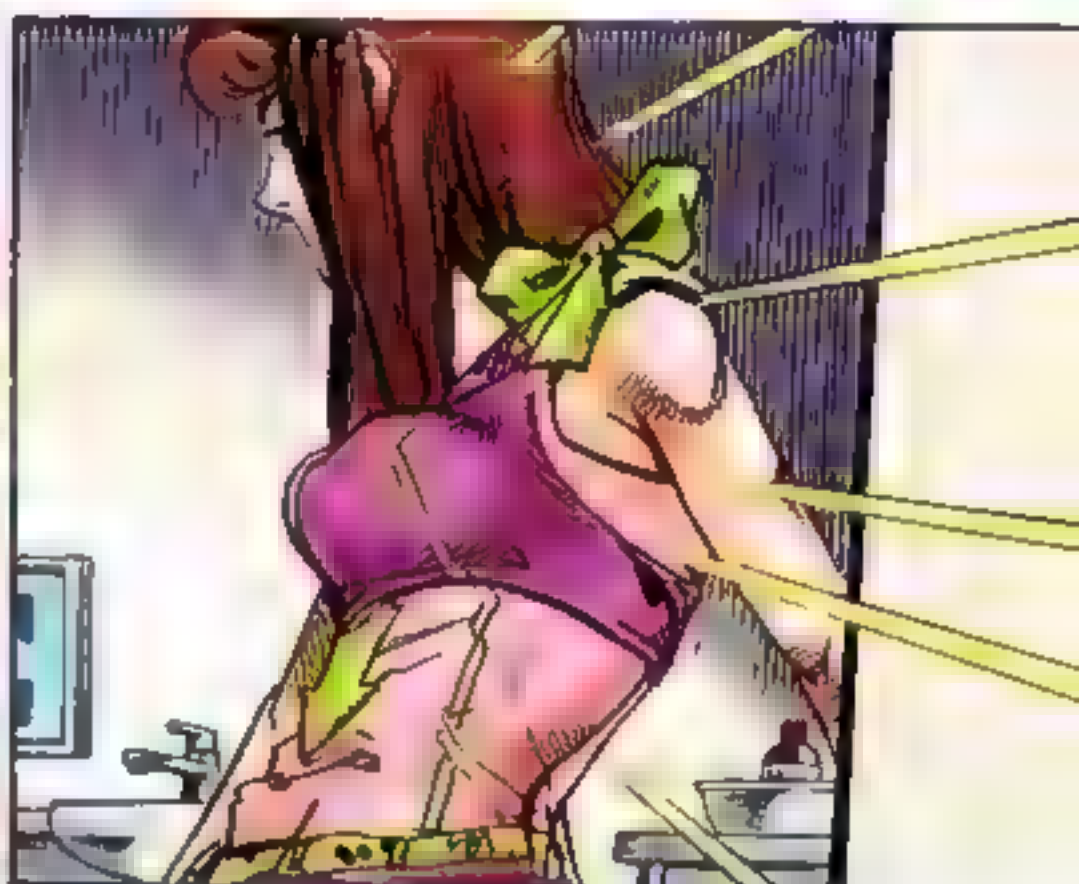
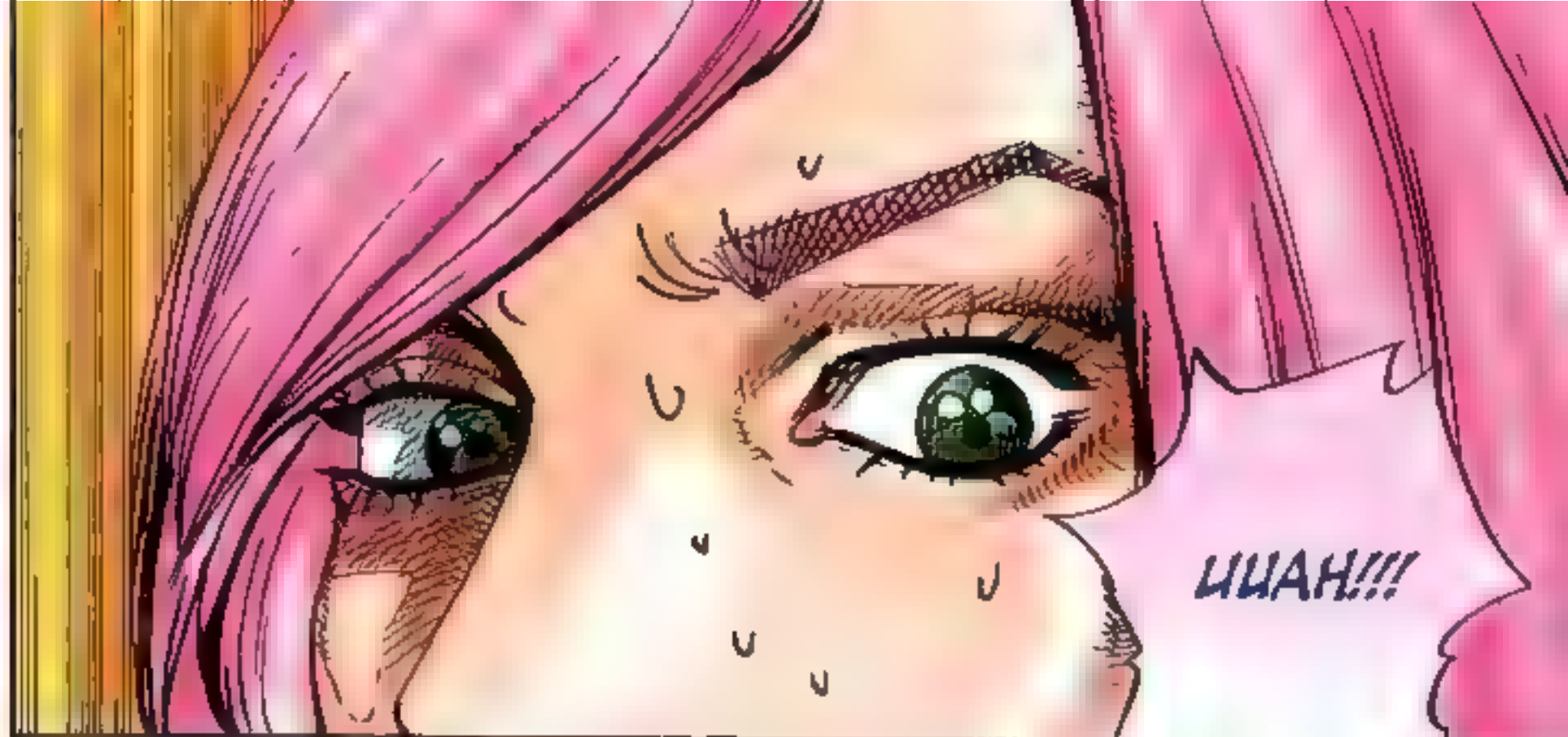
Attending  
Physician

Wu Tomoki

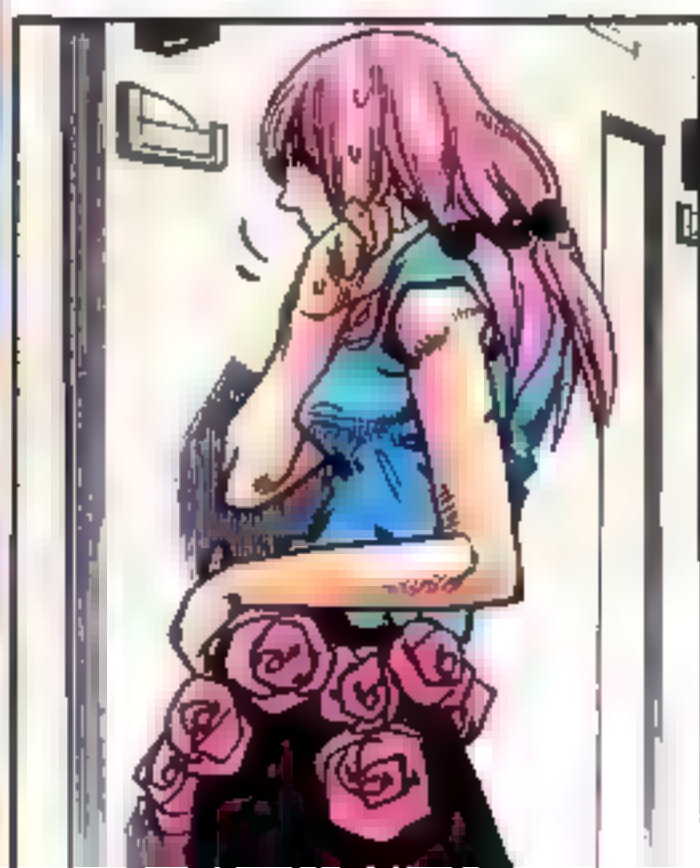
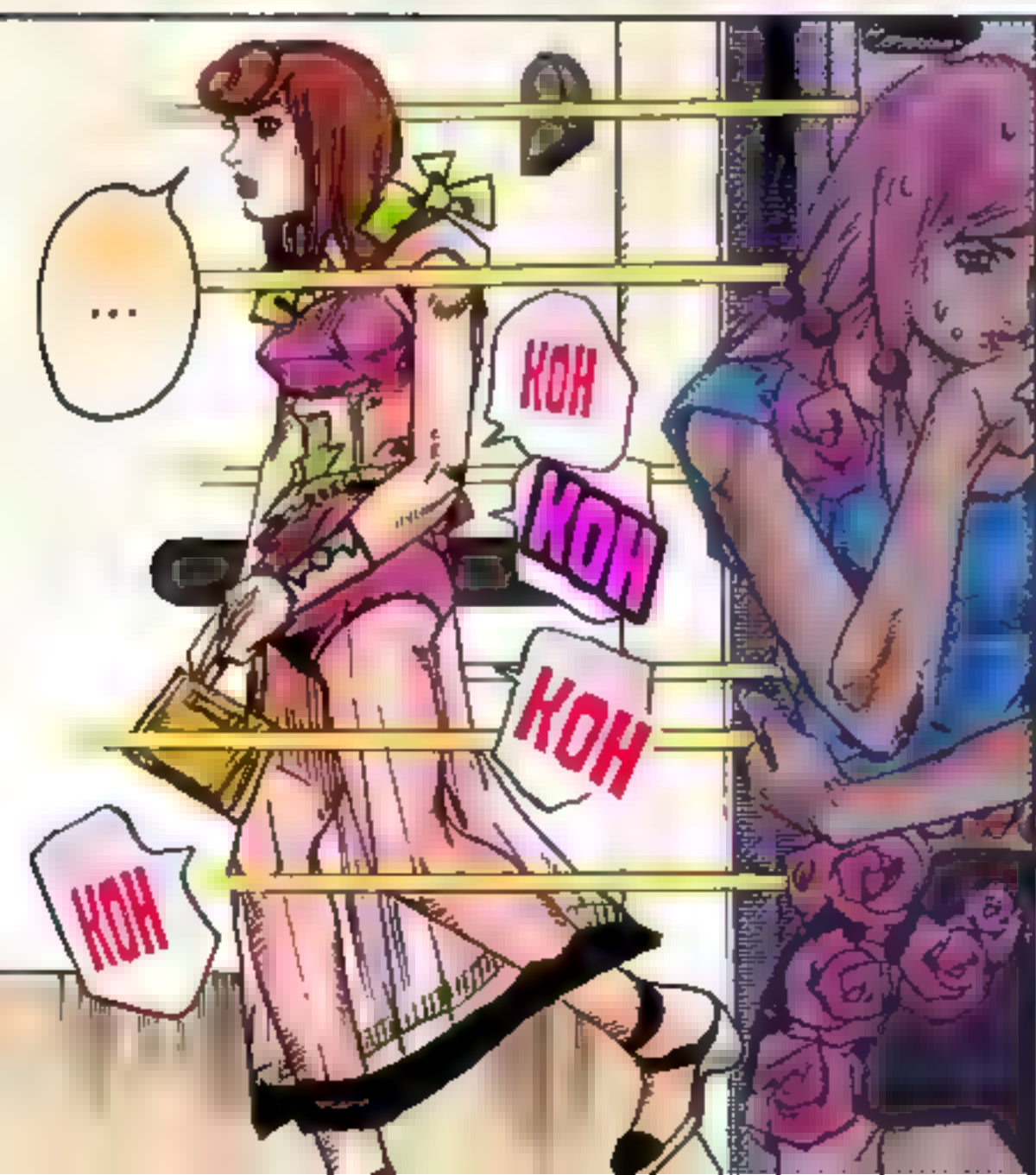
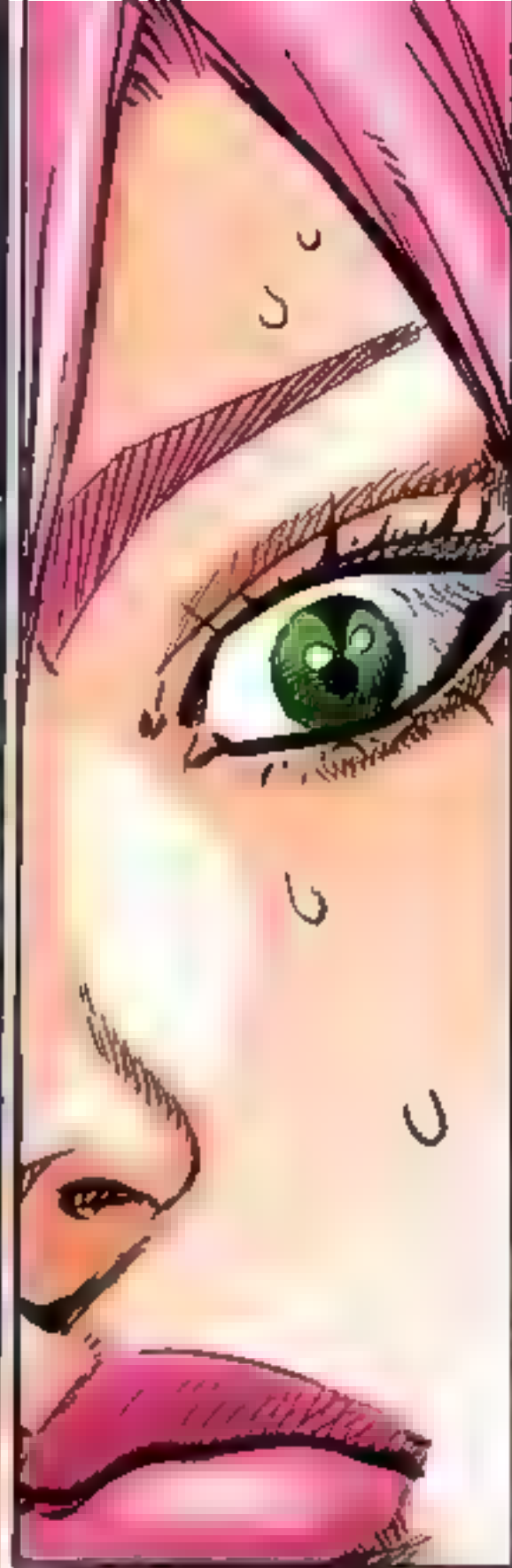
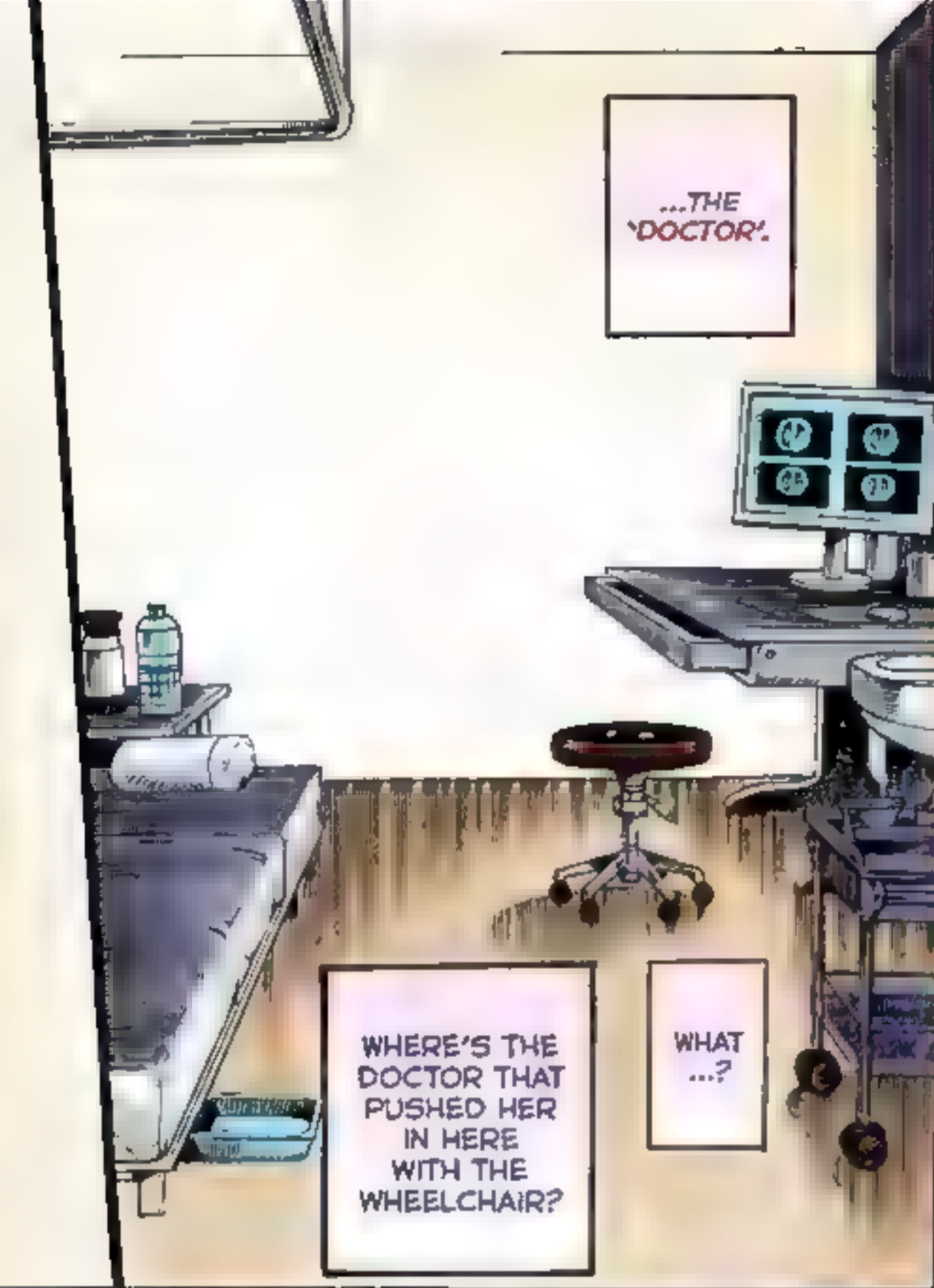
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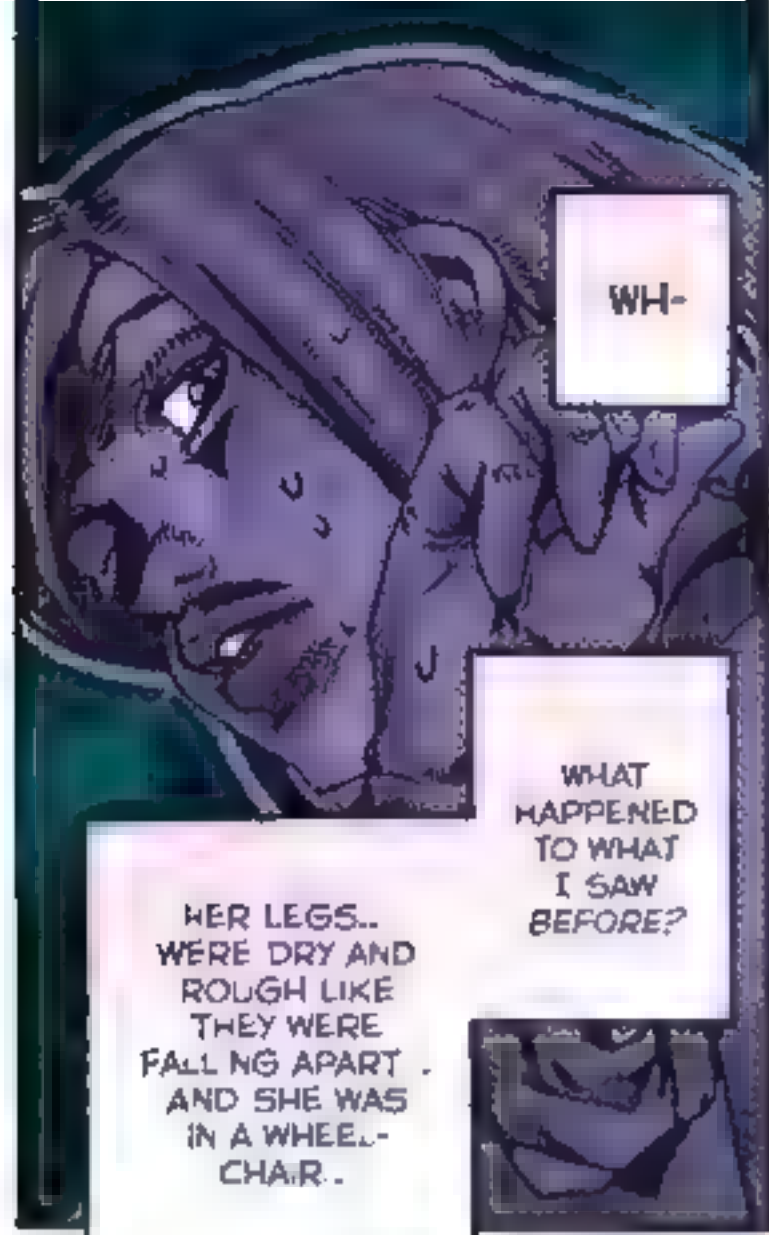








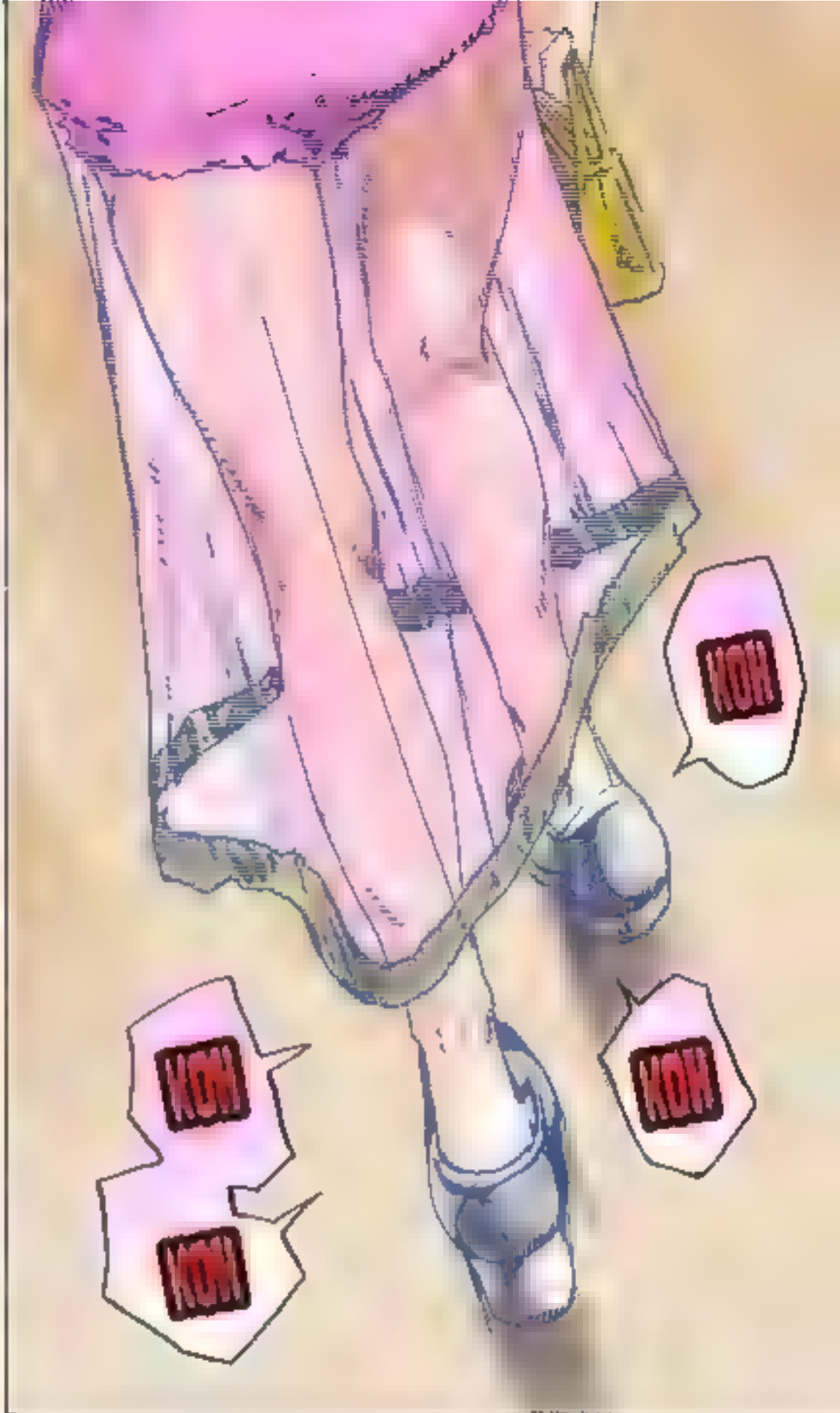




WH-

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO WHAT  
I SAW  
BEFORE?

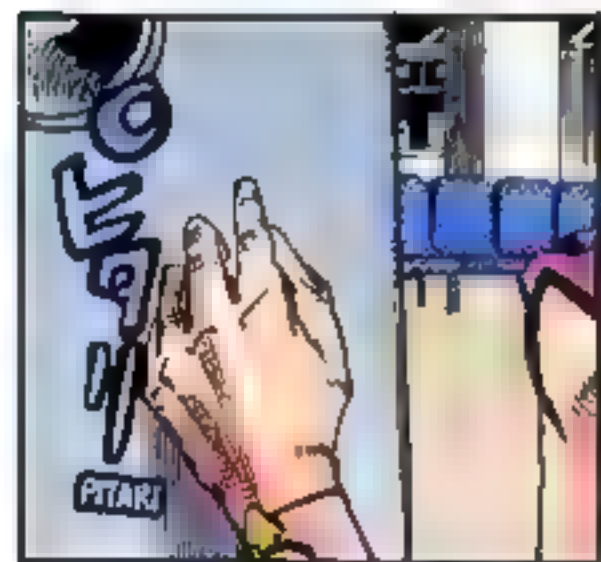
HER LEGS..  
WERE DRY AND  
ROUGH LIKE  
THEY WERE  
FALLING APART..  
AND SHE WAS  
IN A WHEEL-  
CHAIR..



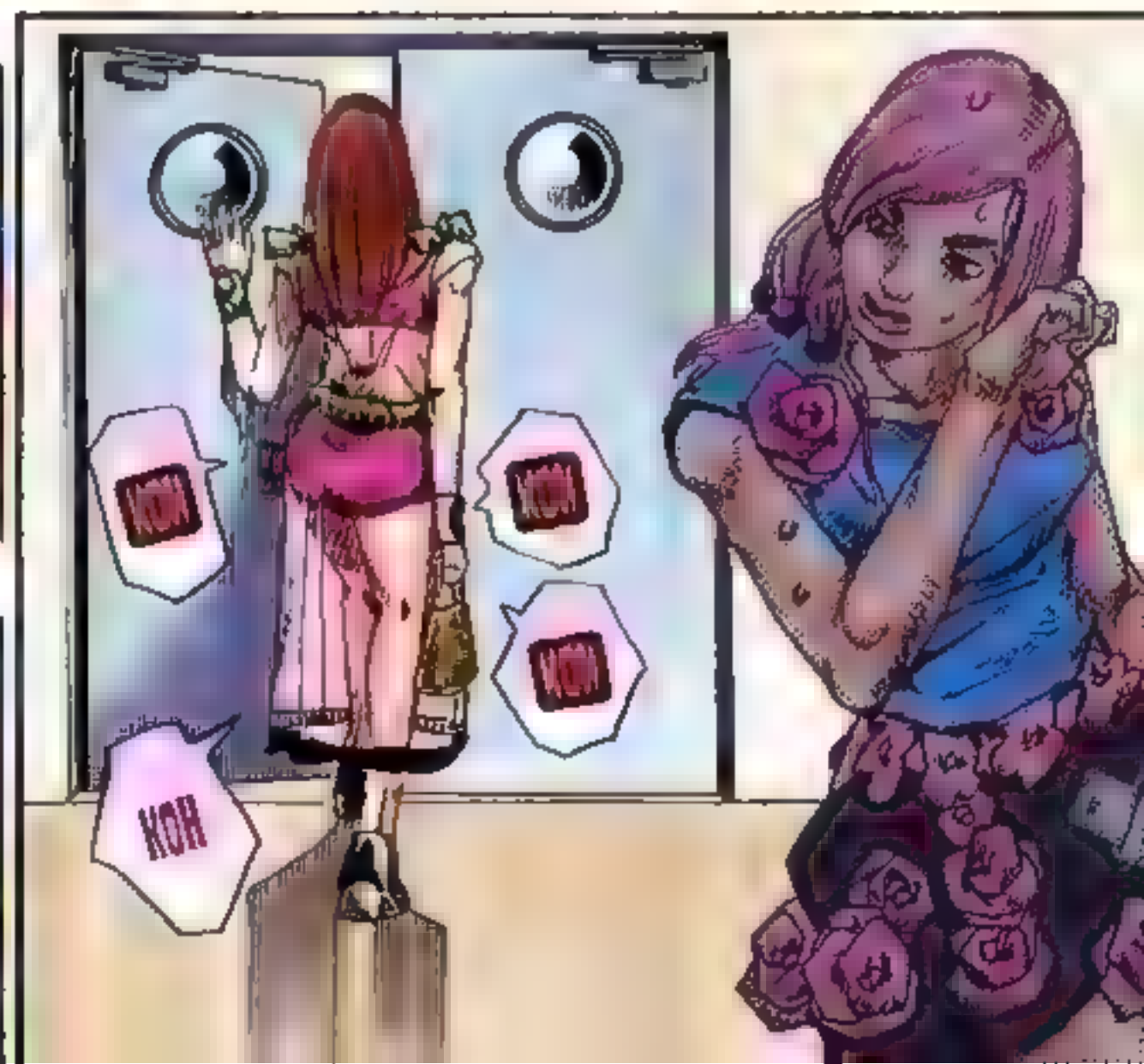
BUT  
WHERE'S  
THE  
DOCTOR?



WELL,  
I ONLY  
SAW IT  
FOR A  
SECOND  
AND IT WAS  
PRETTY  
FAR AWAY,  
PLUS SHE'S  
WEARING  
A LONG  
SKIRT.



PITARI



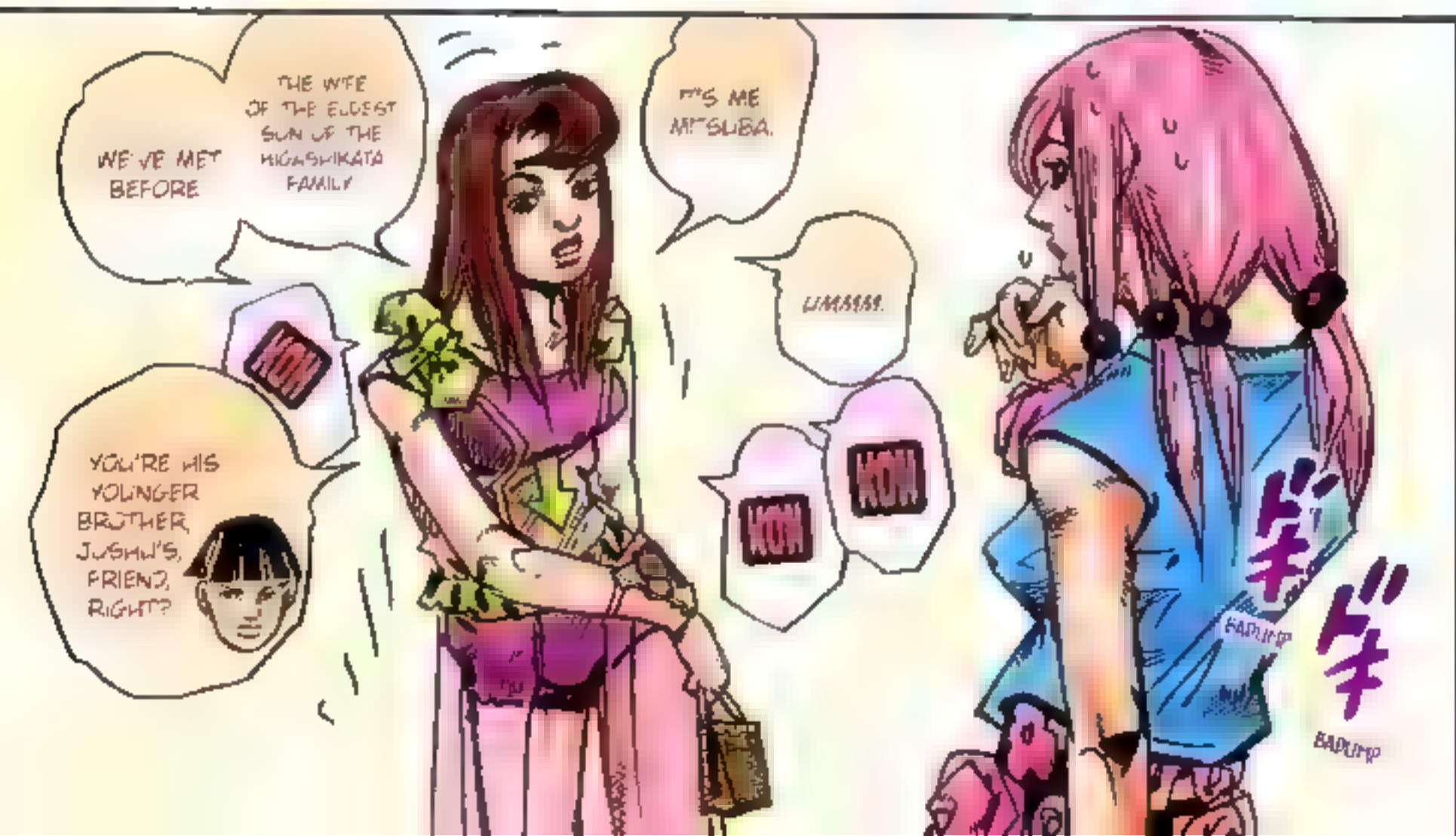
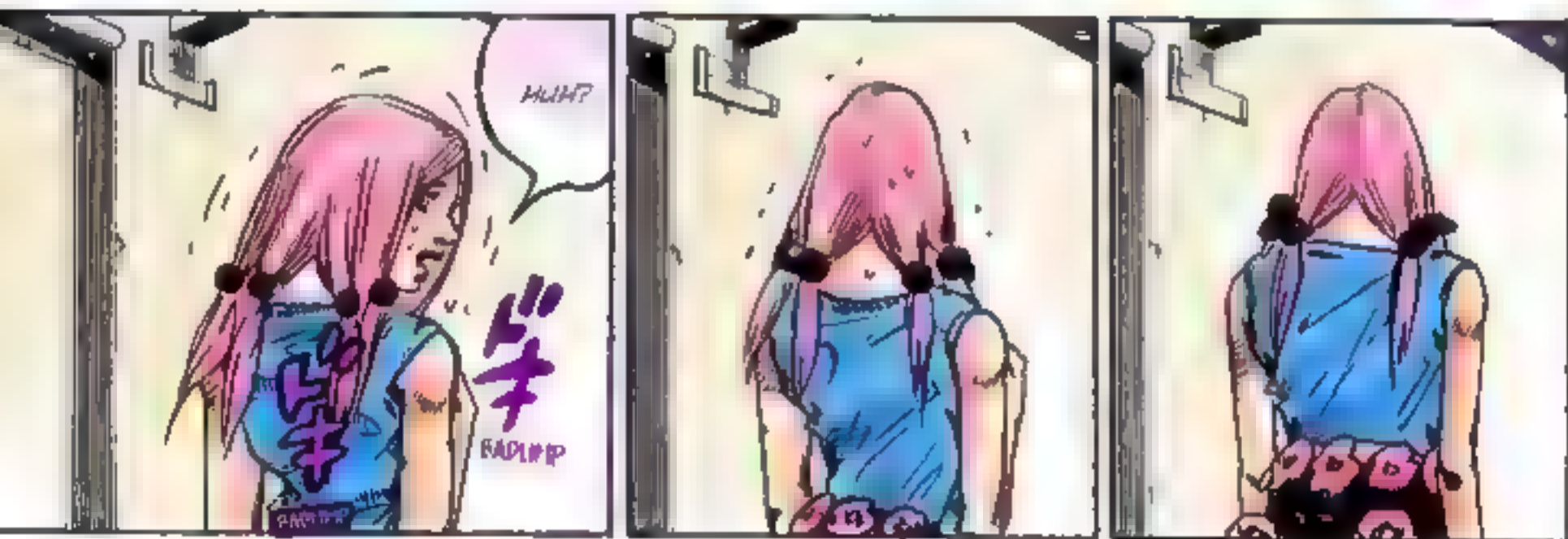
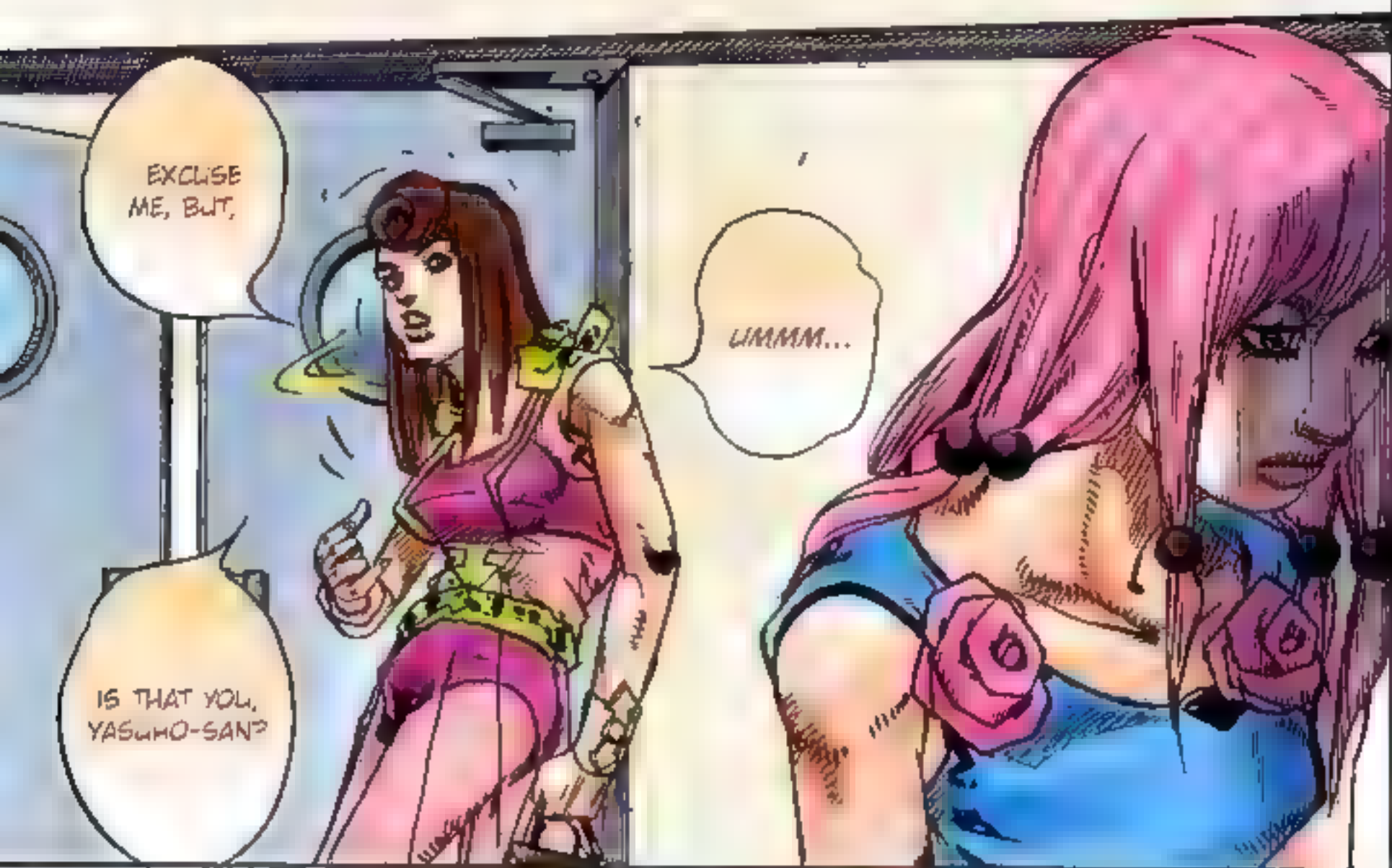
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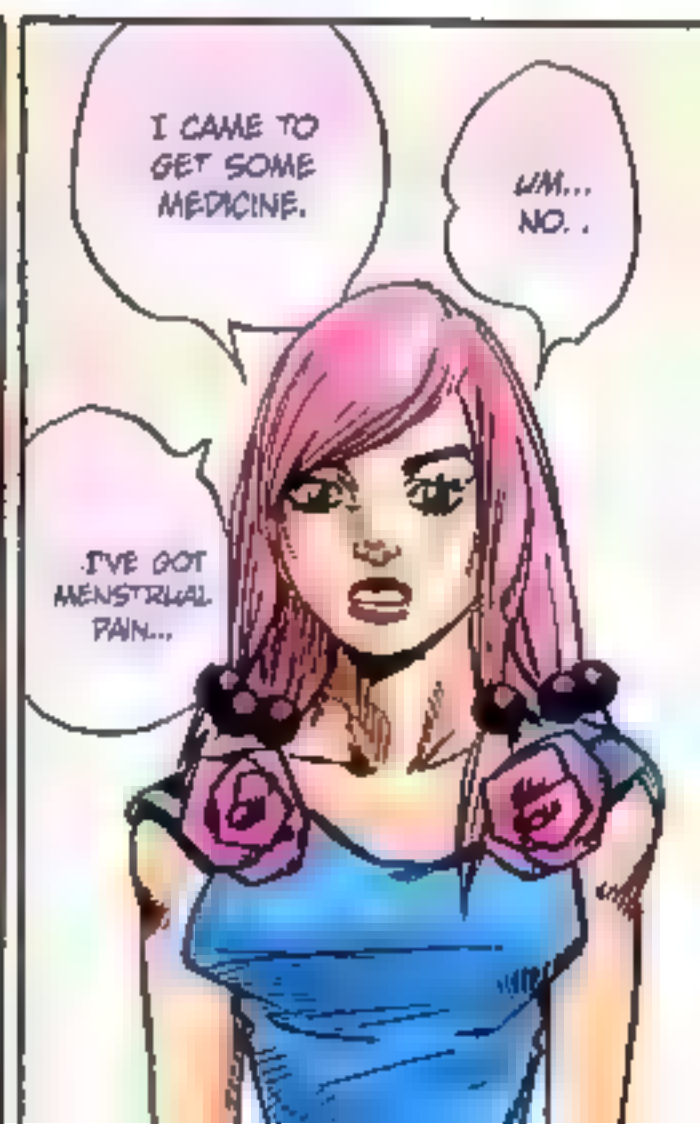
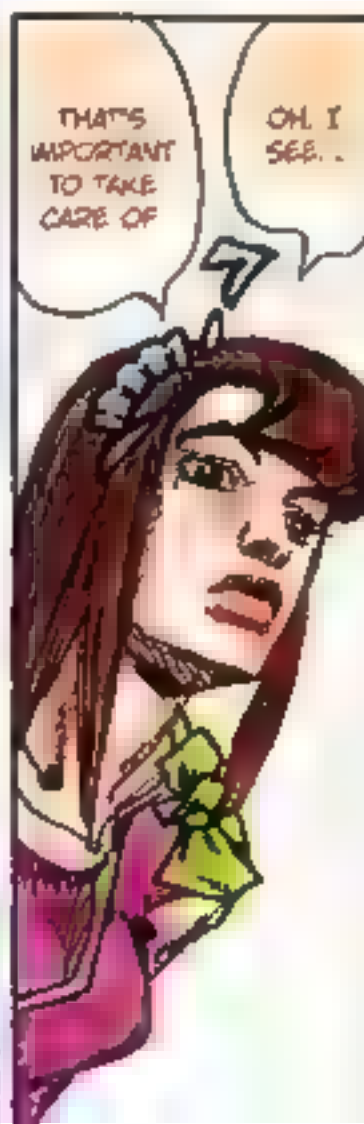
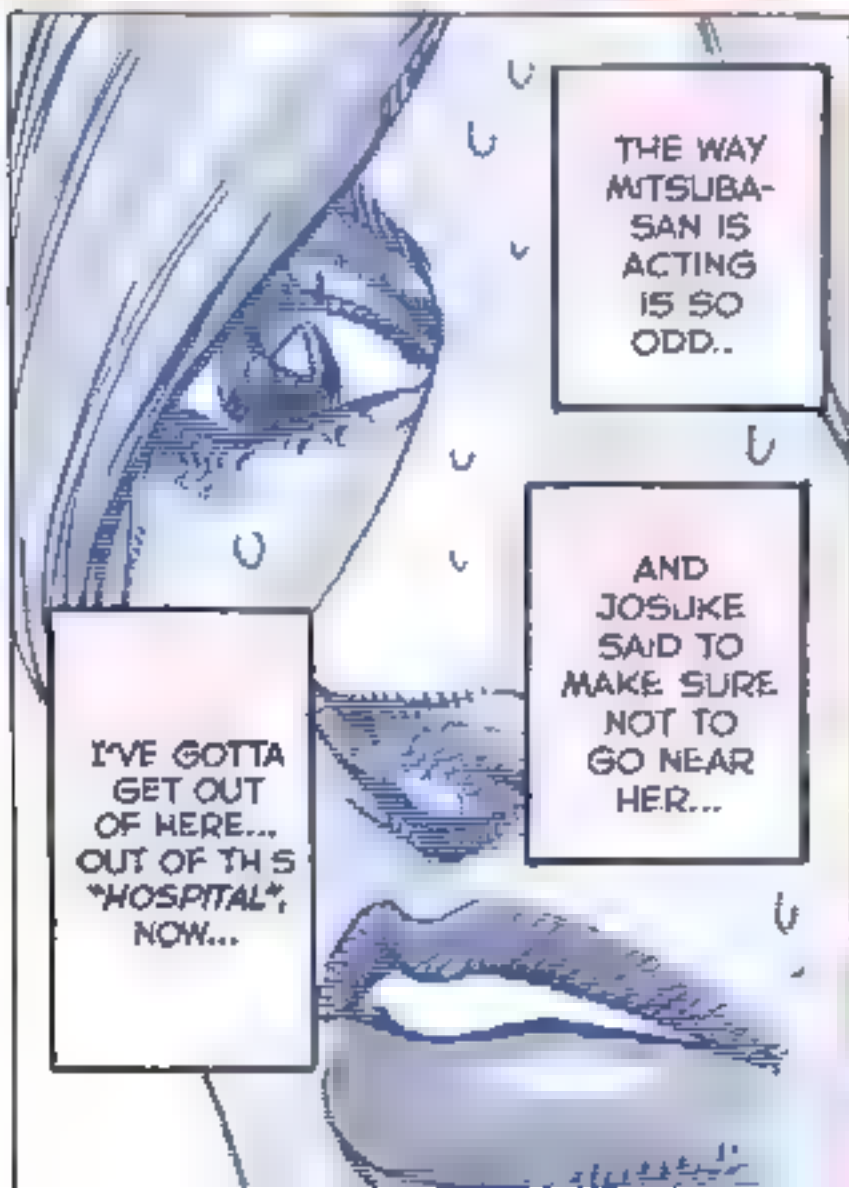
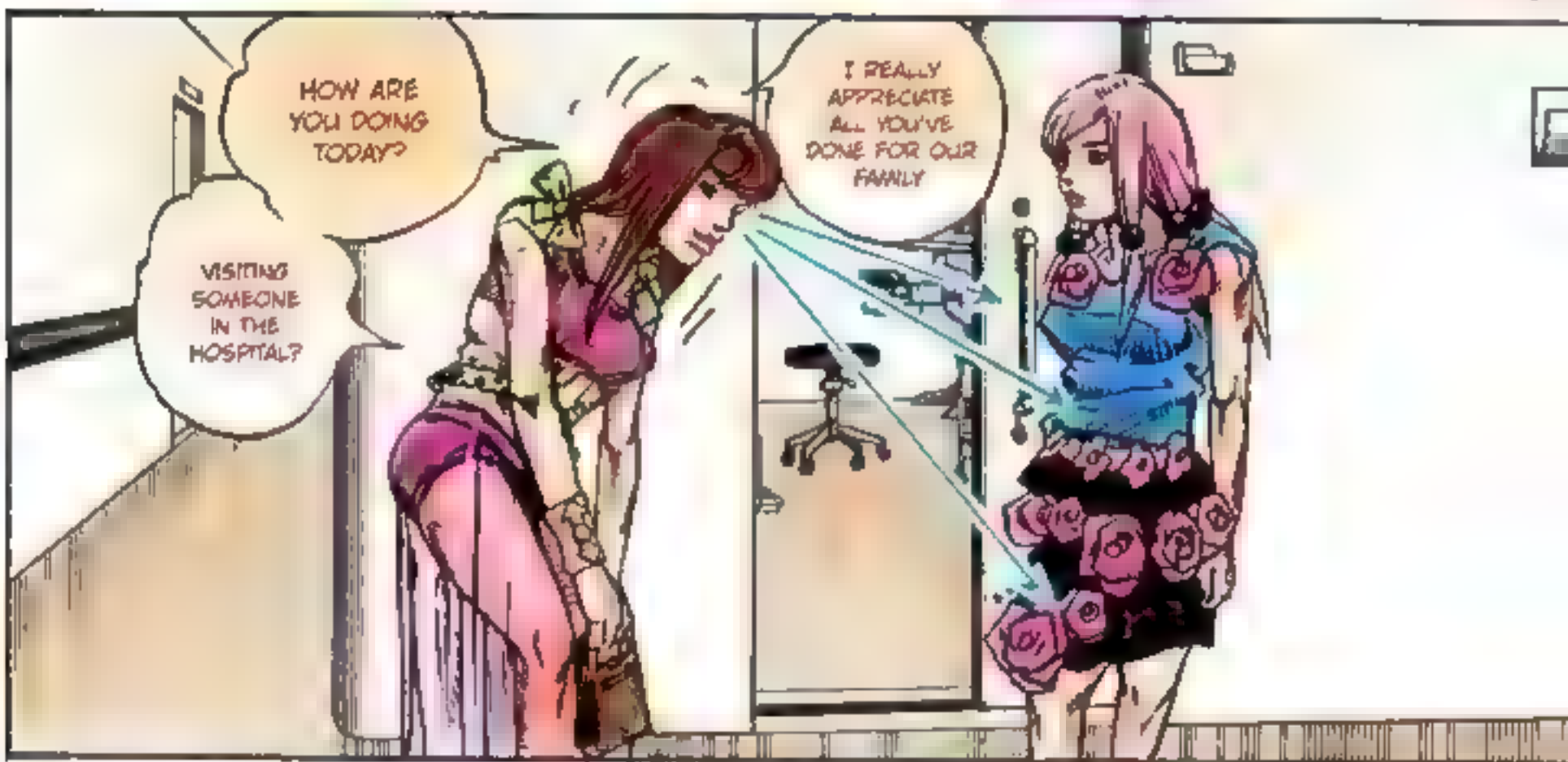
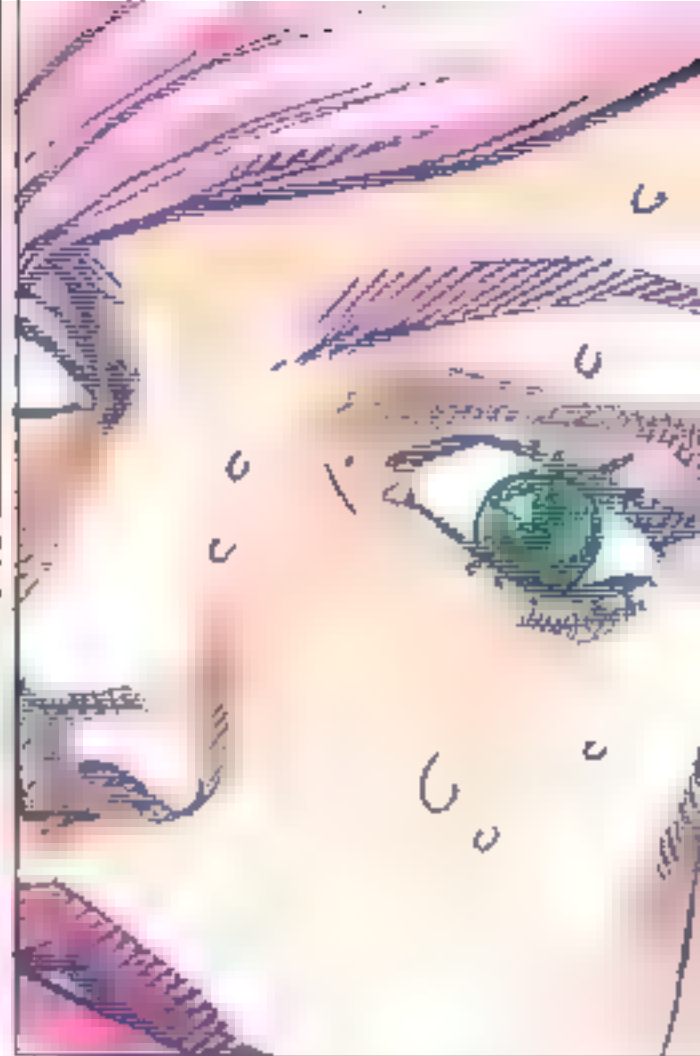
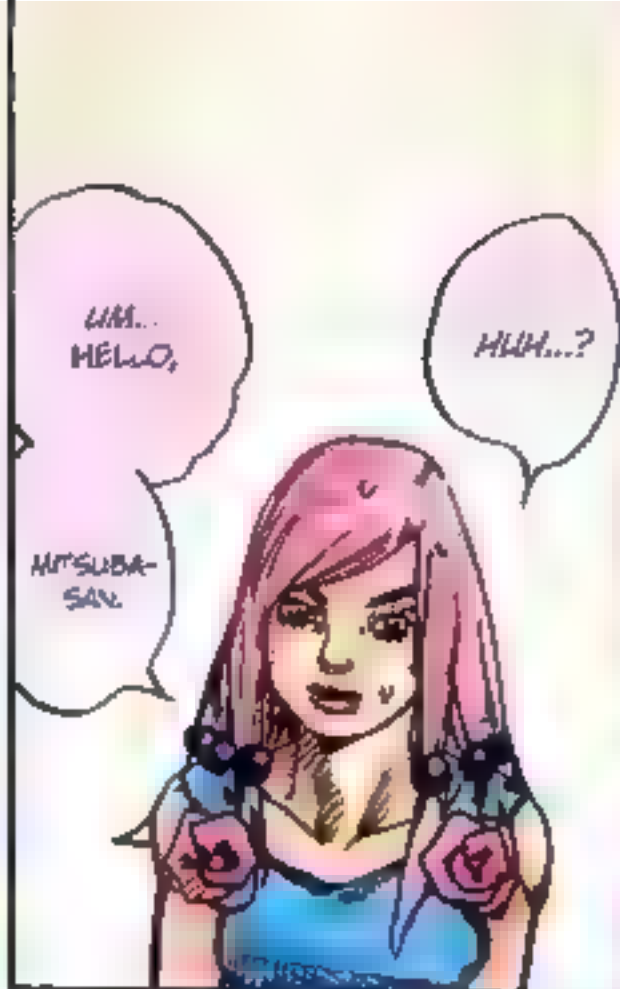
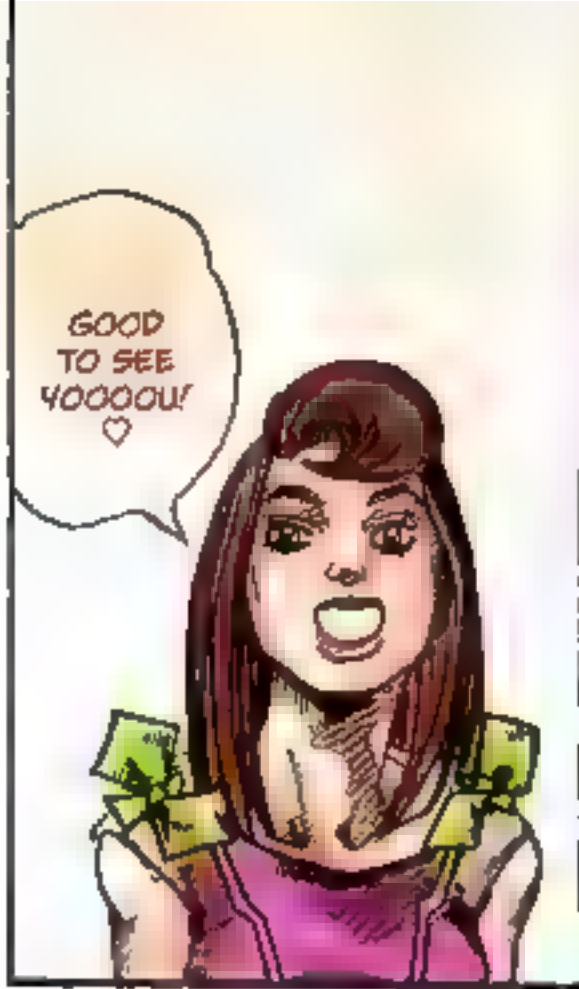
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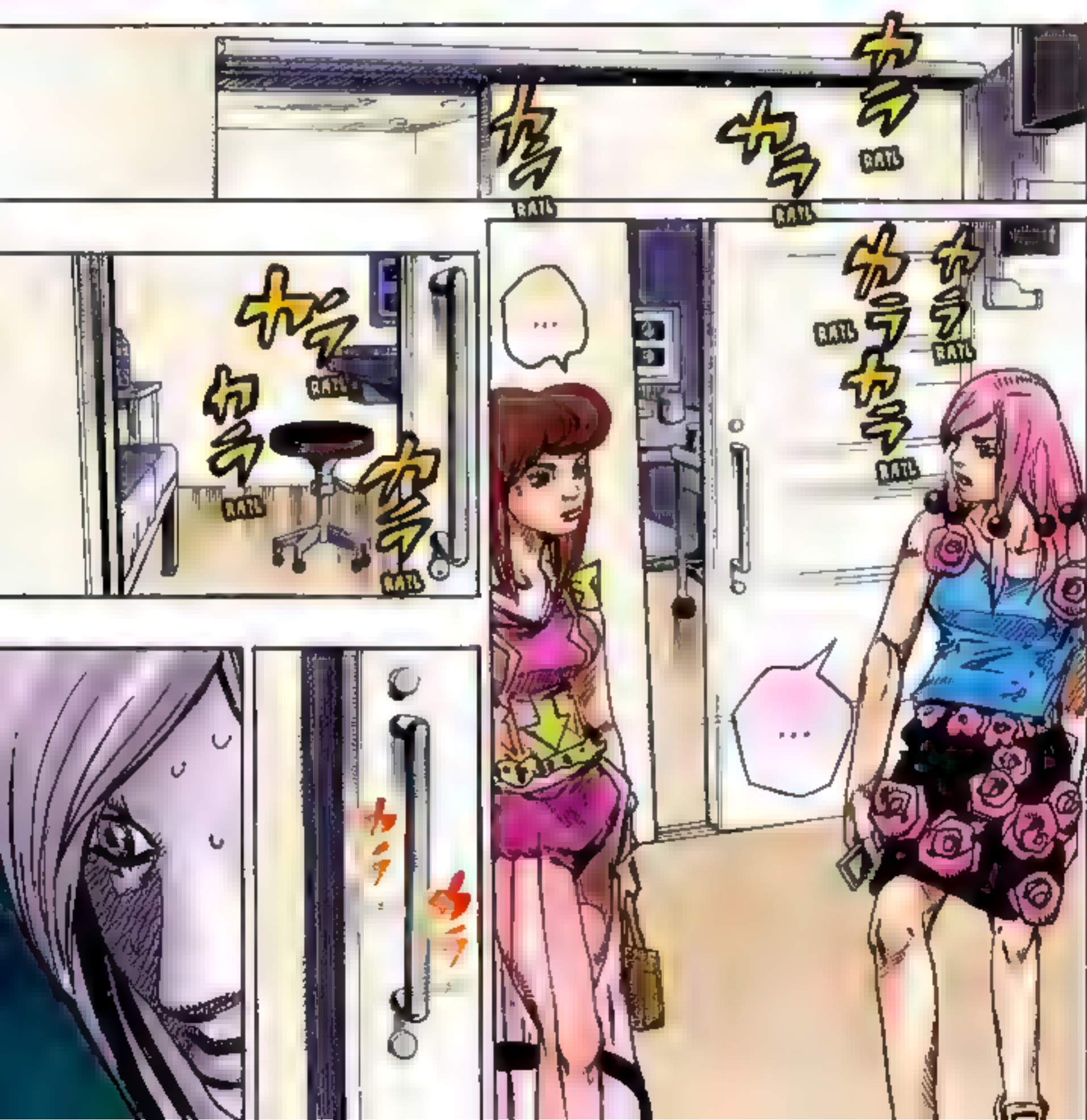




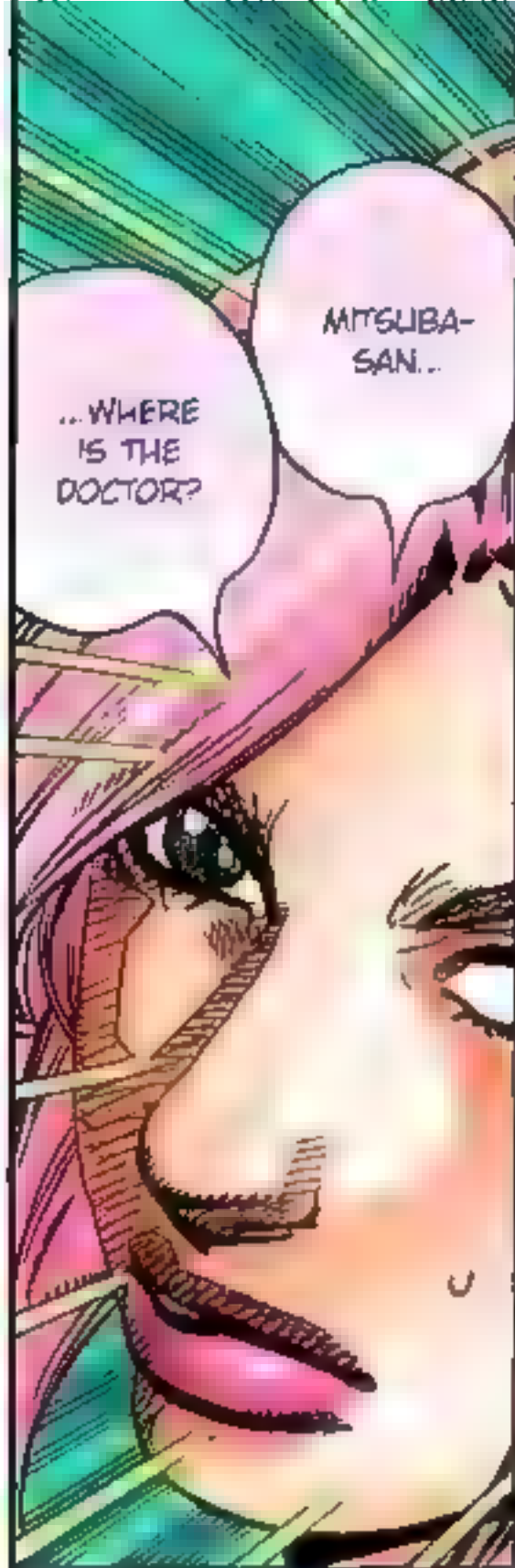






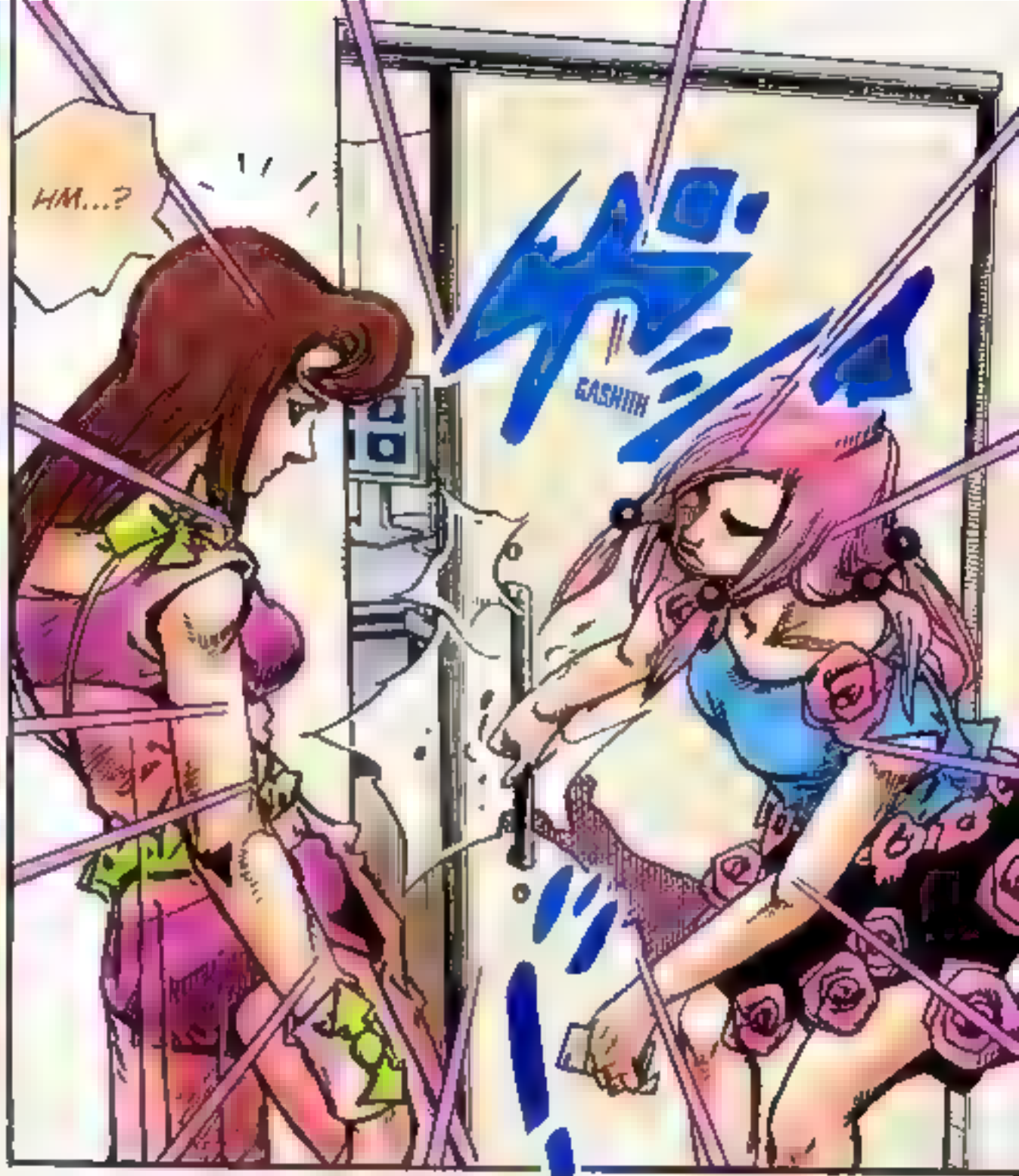






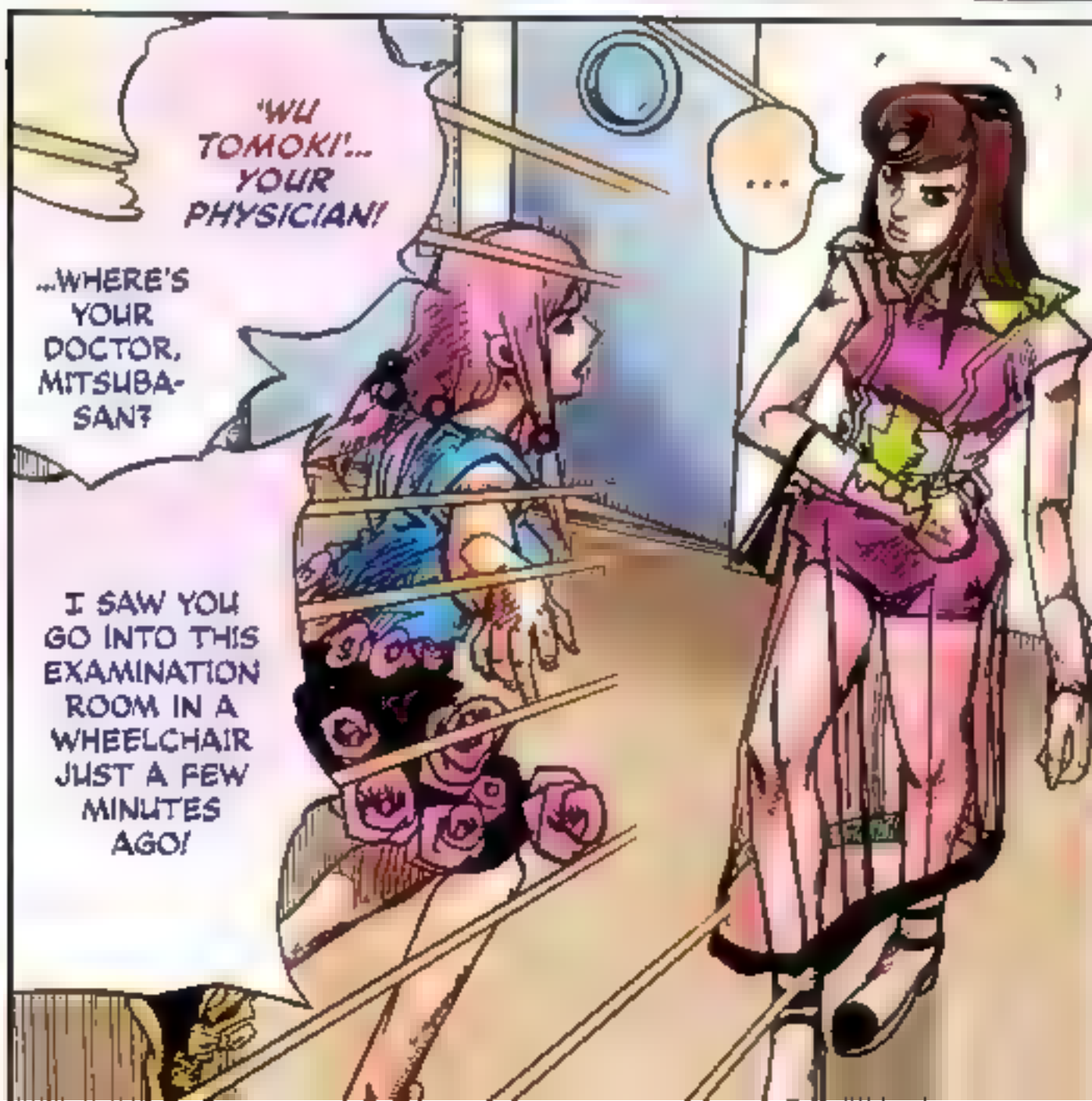
...WHERE  
IS THE  
DOCTOR?

MITSUBA-  
SAN...



HM...?

EASHITH



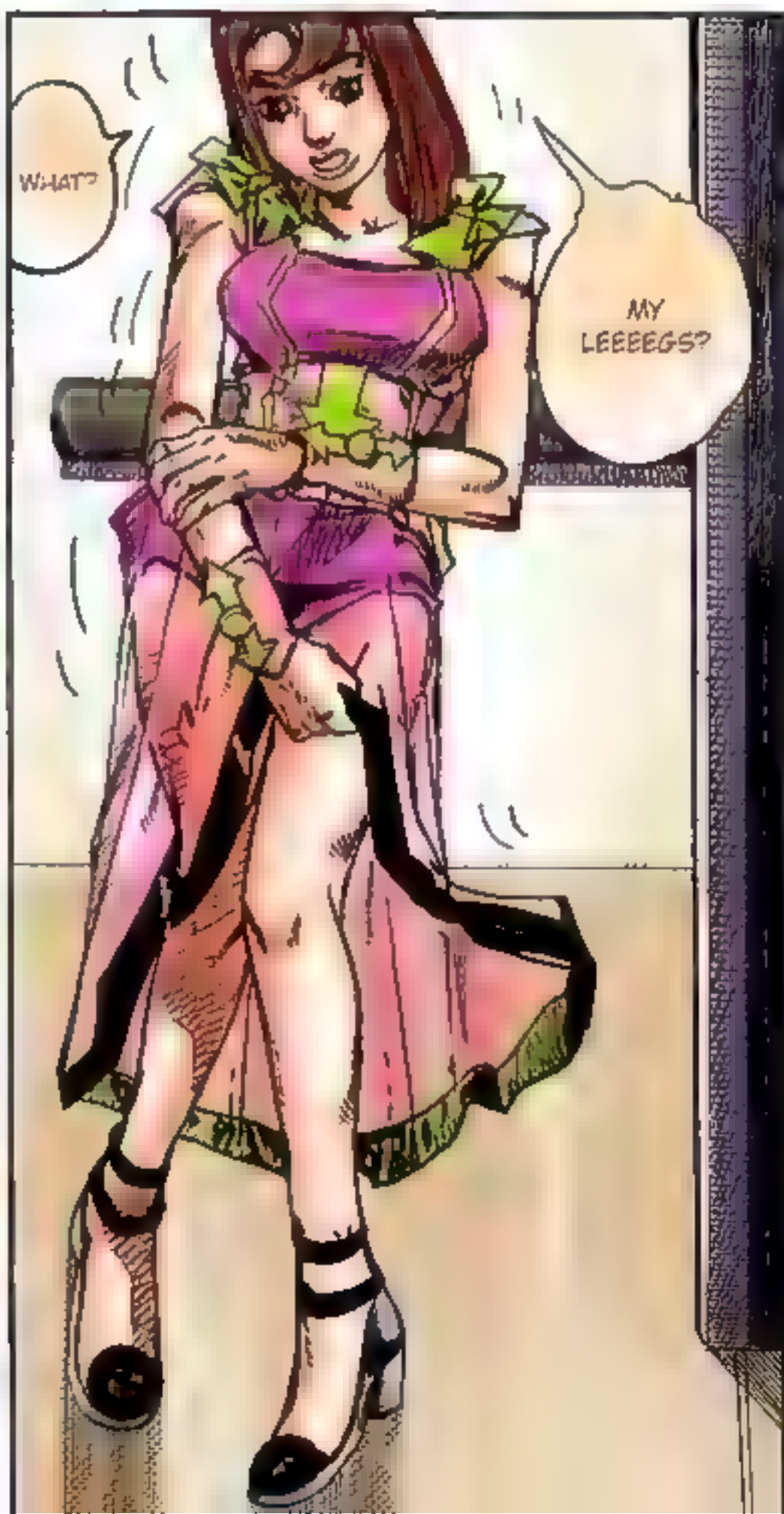
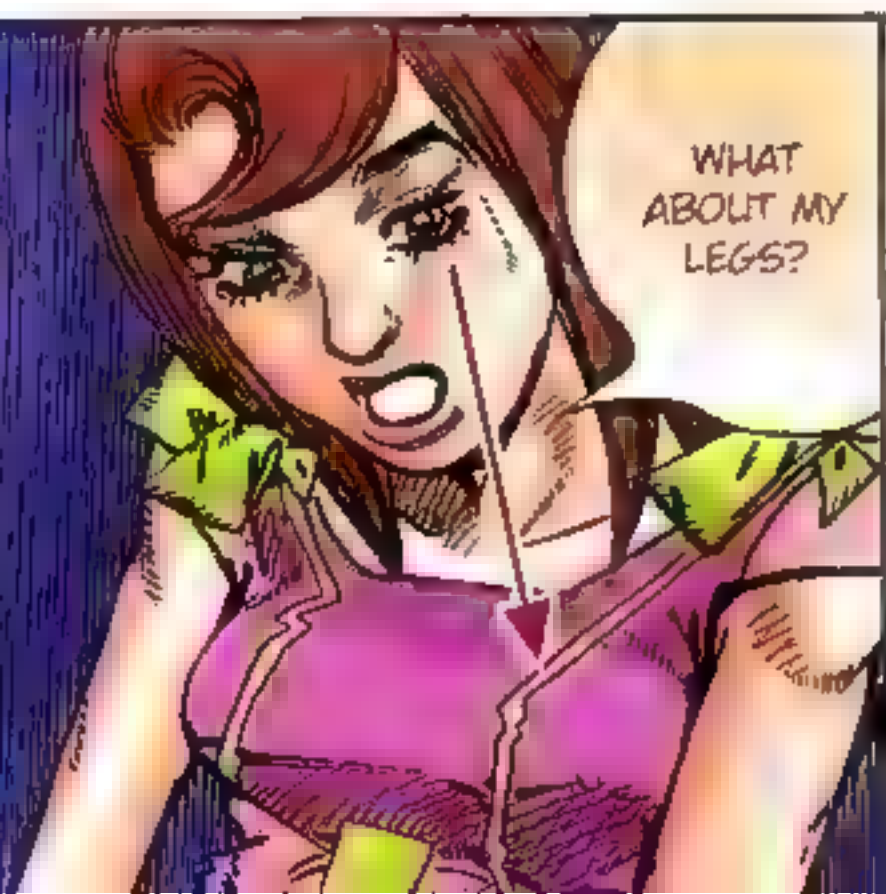
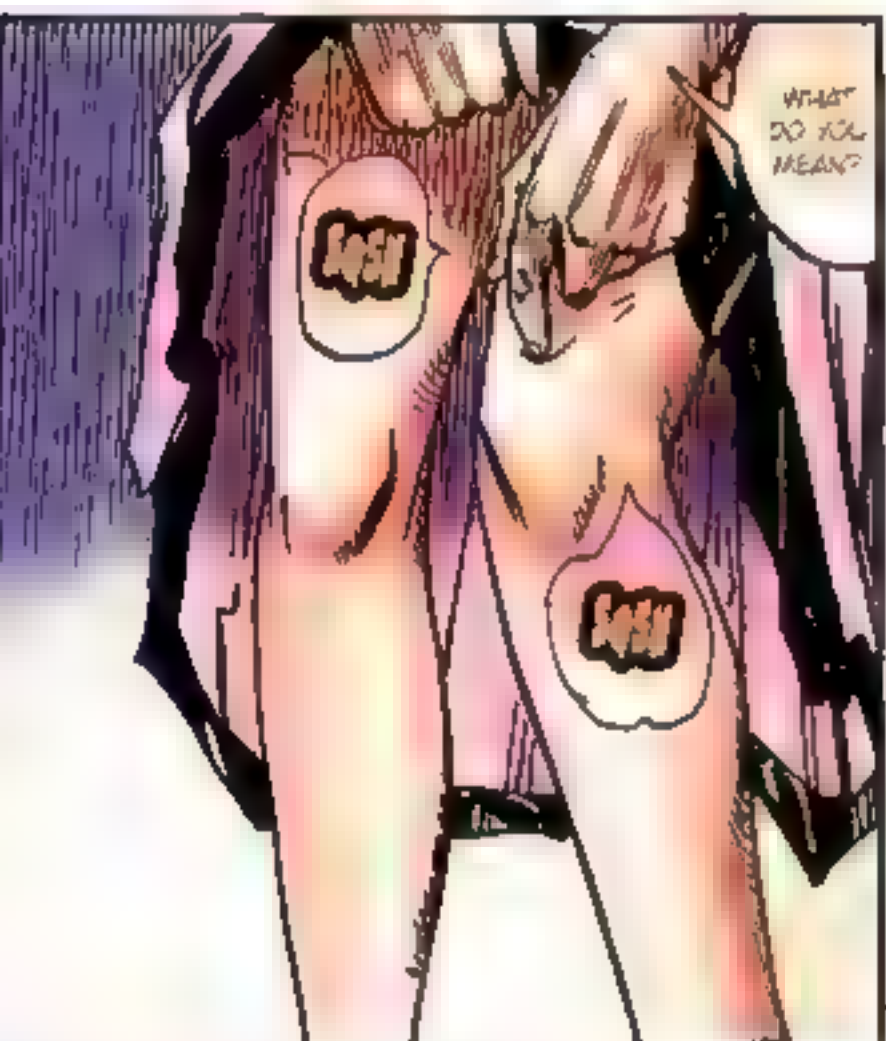
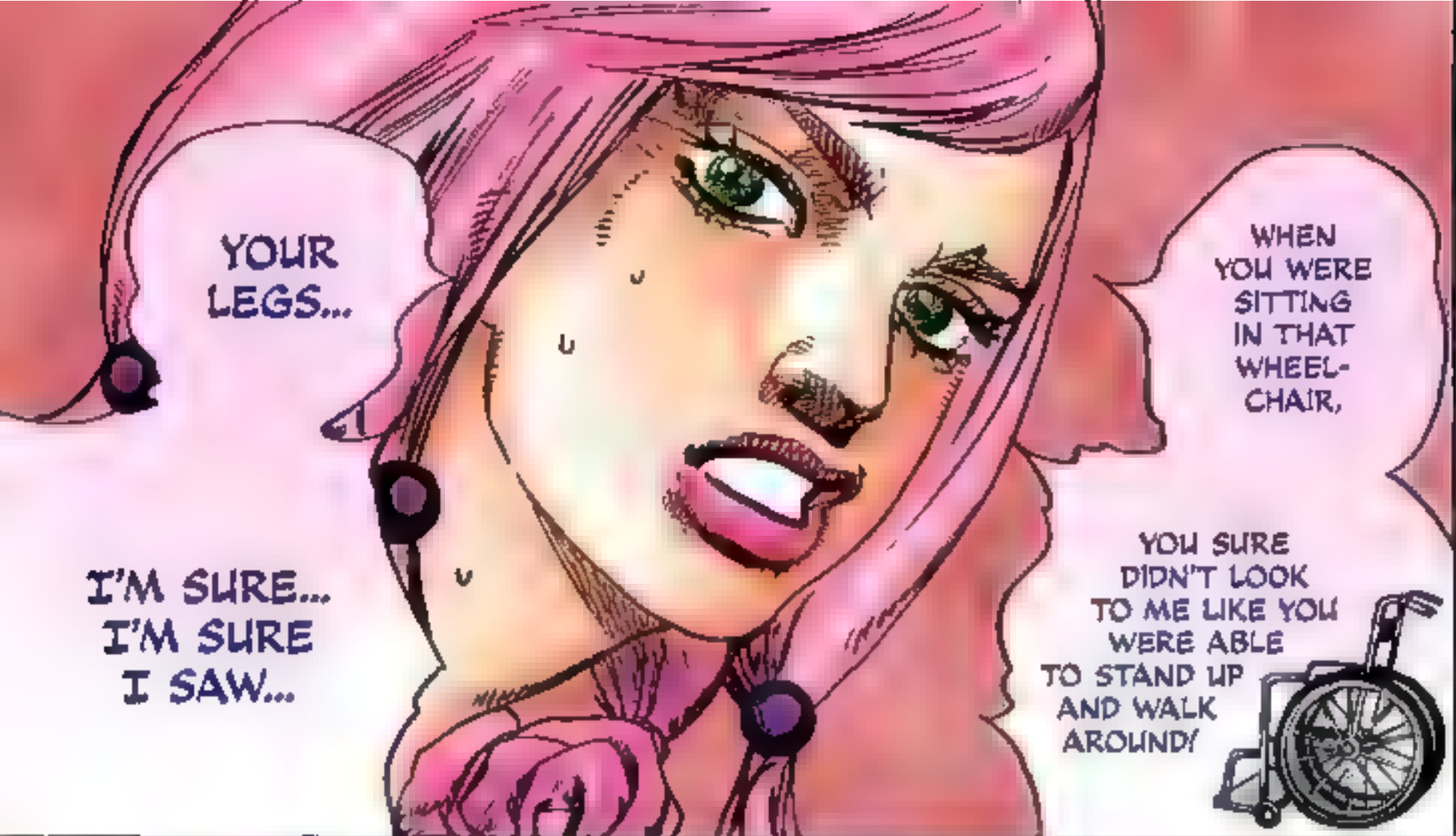
'WU  
TOMOKI'...  
YOUR  
PHYSICIAN!

...WHERE'S  
YOUR  
DOCTOR,  
MITSUBA-  
SAN?

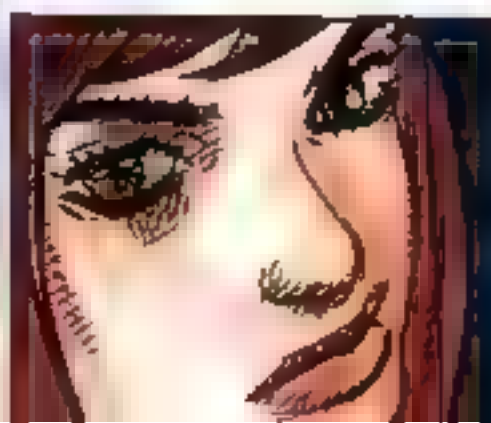
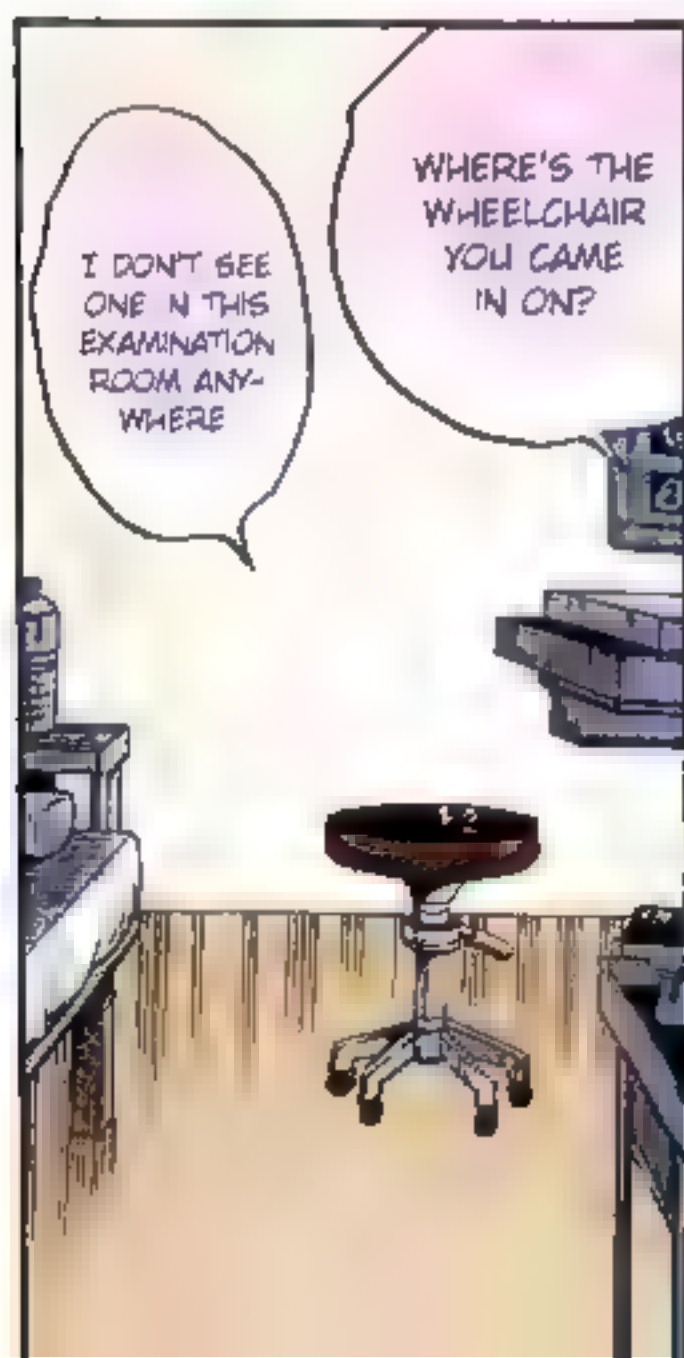
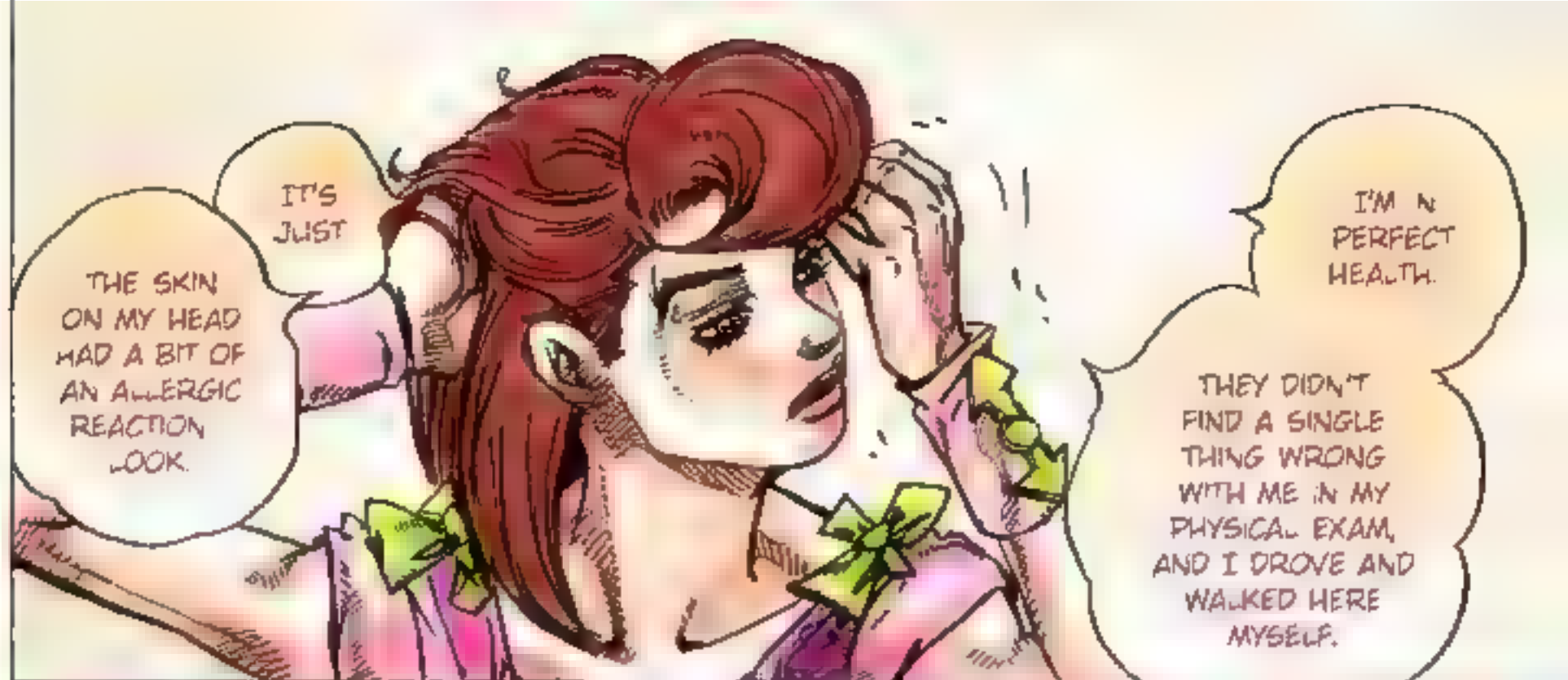
I SAW YOU  
GO INTO THIS  
EXAMINATION  
ROOM IN A  
WHEELCHAIR  
JUST A FEW  
MINUTES  
AGO!



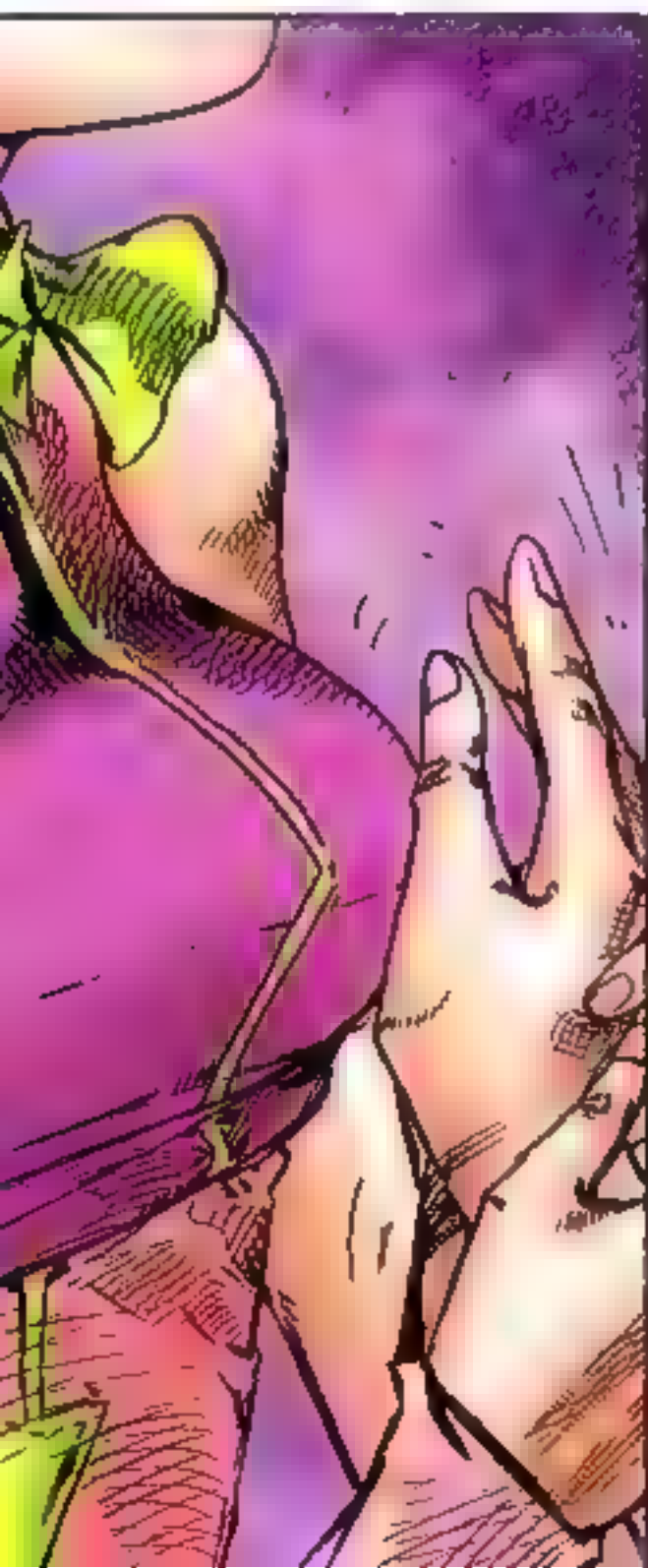
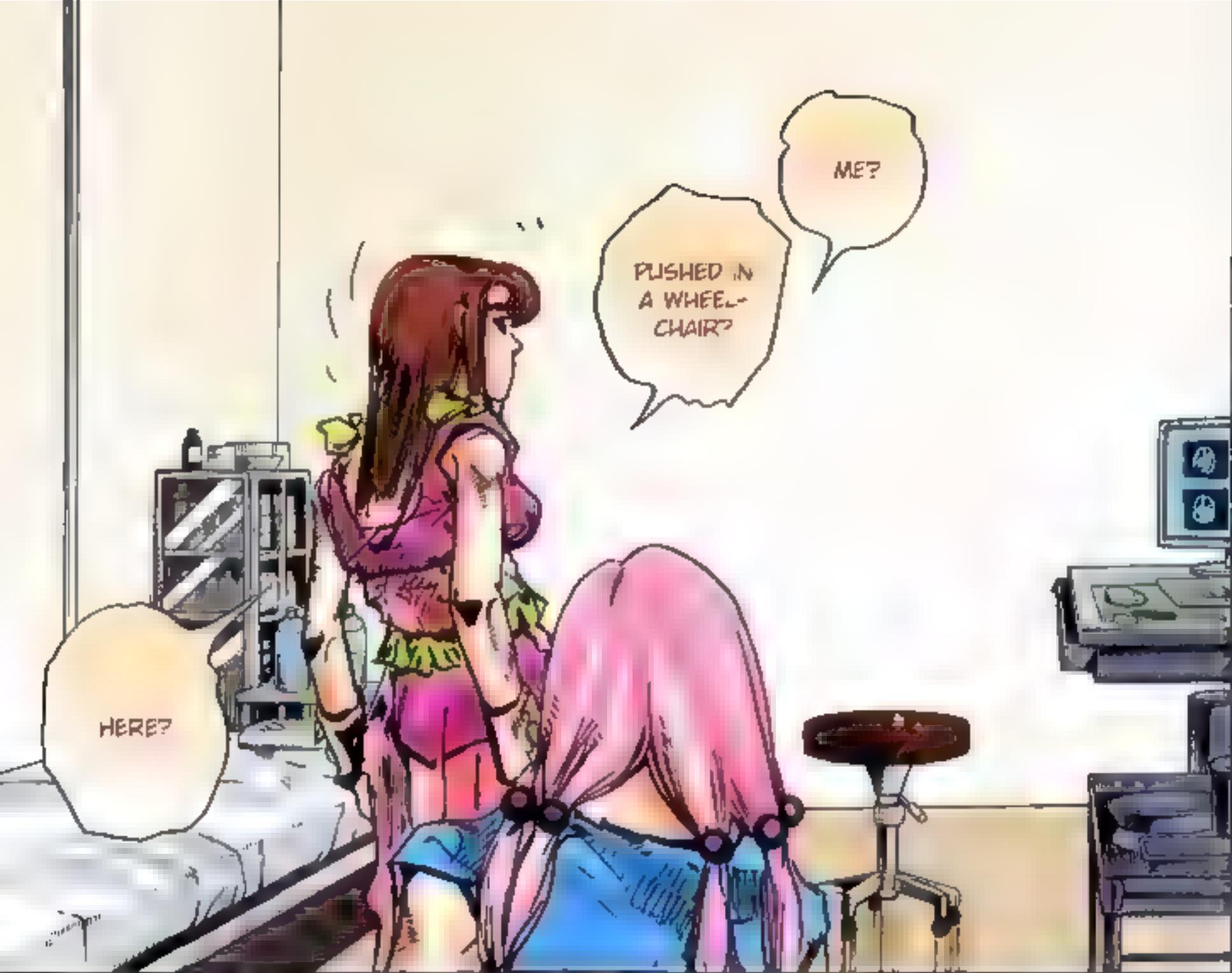




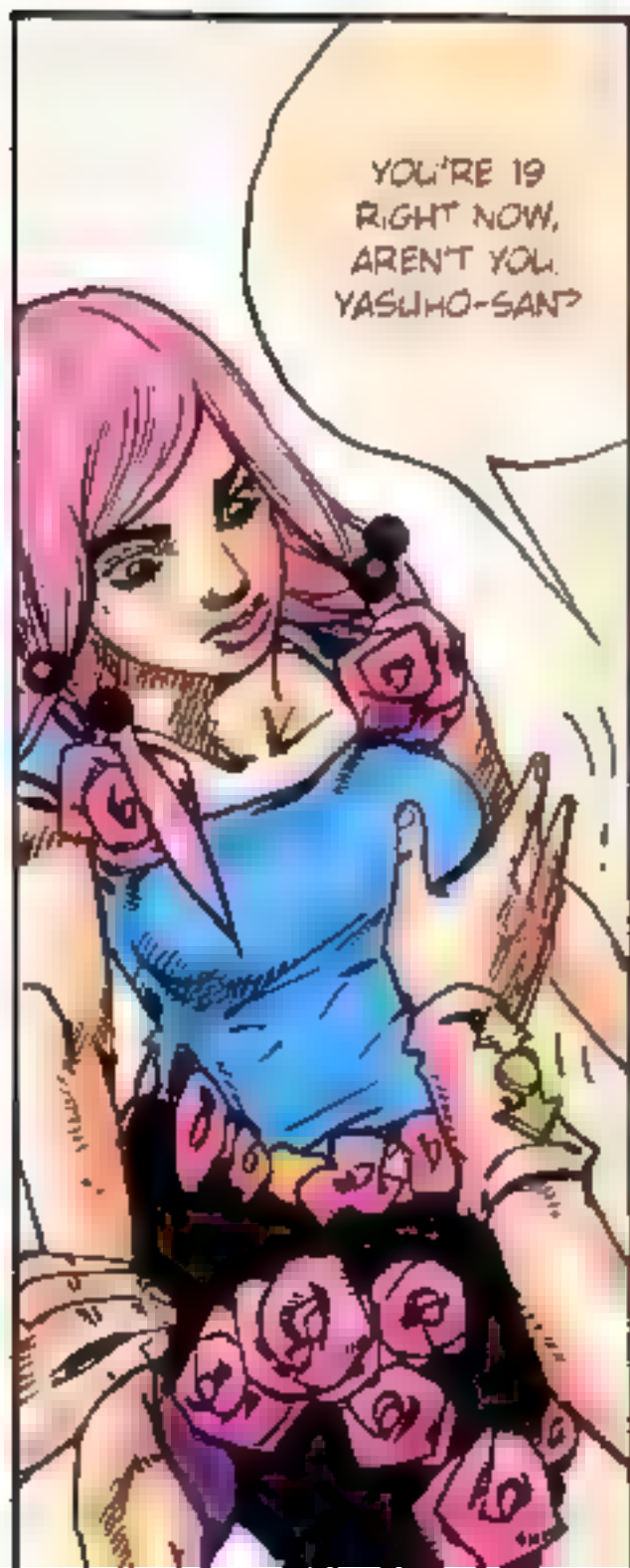
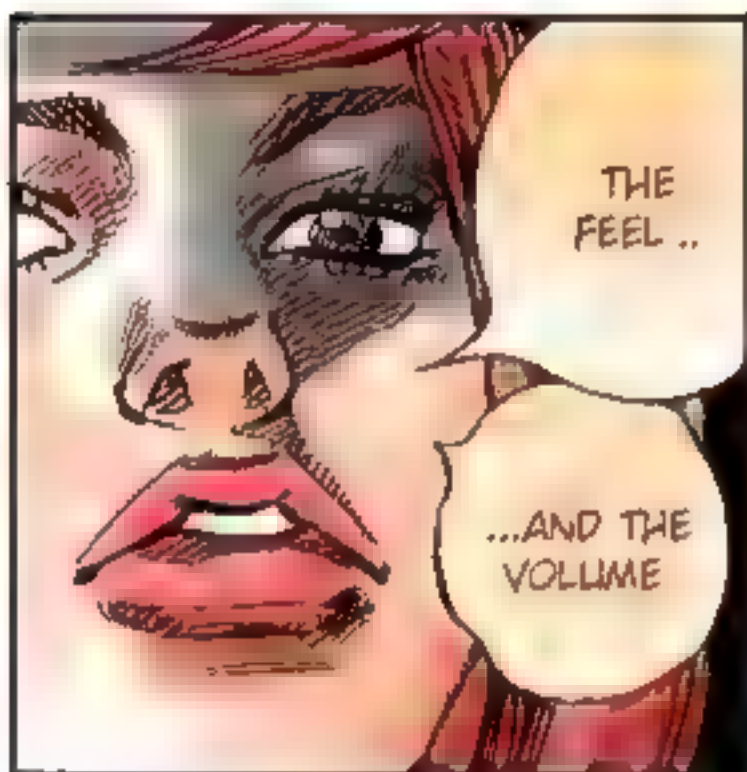
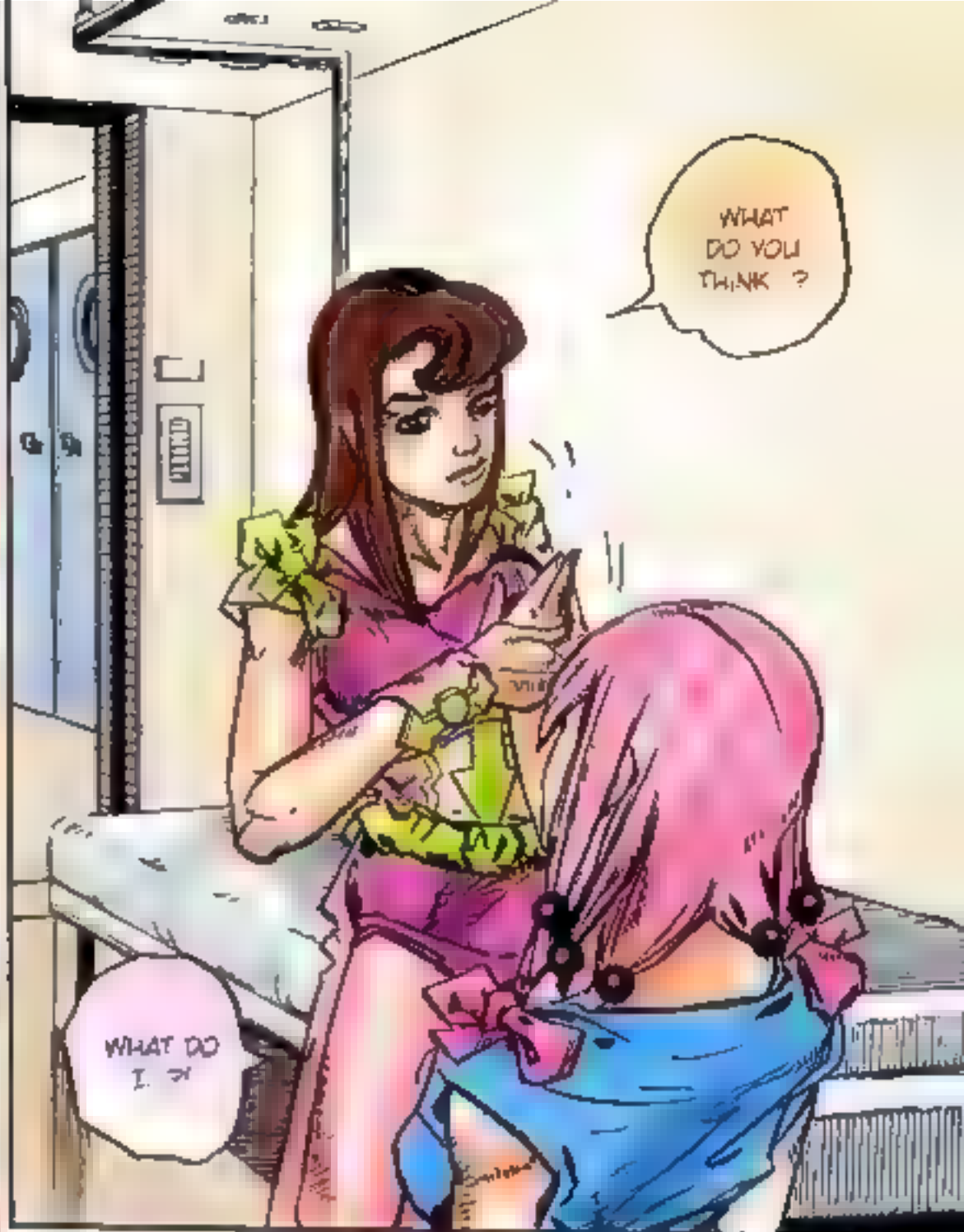




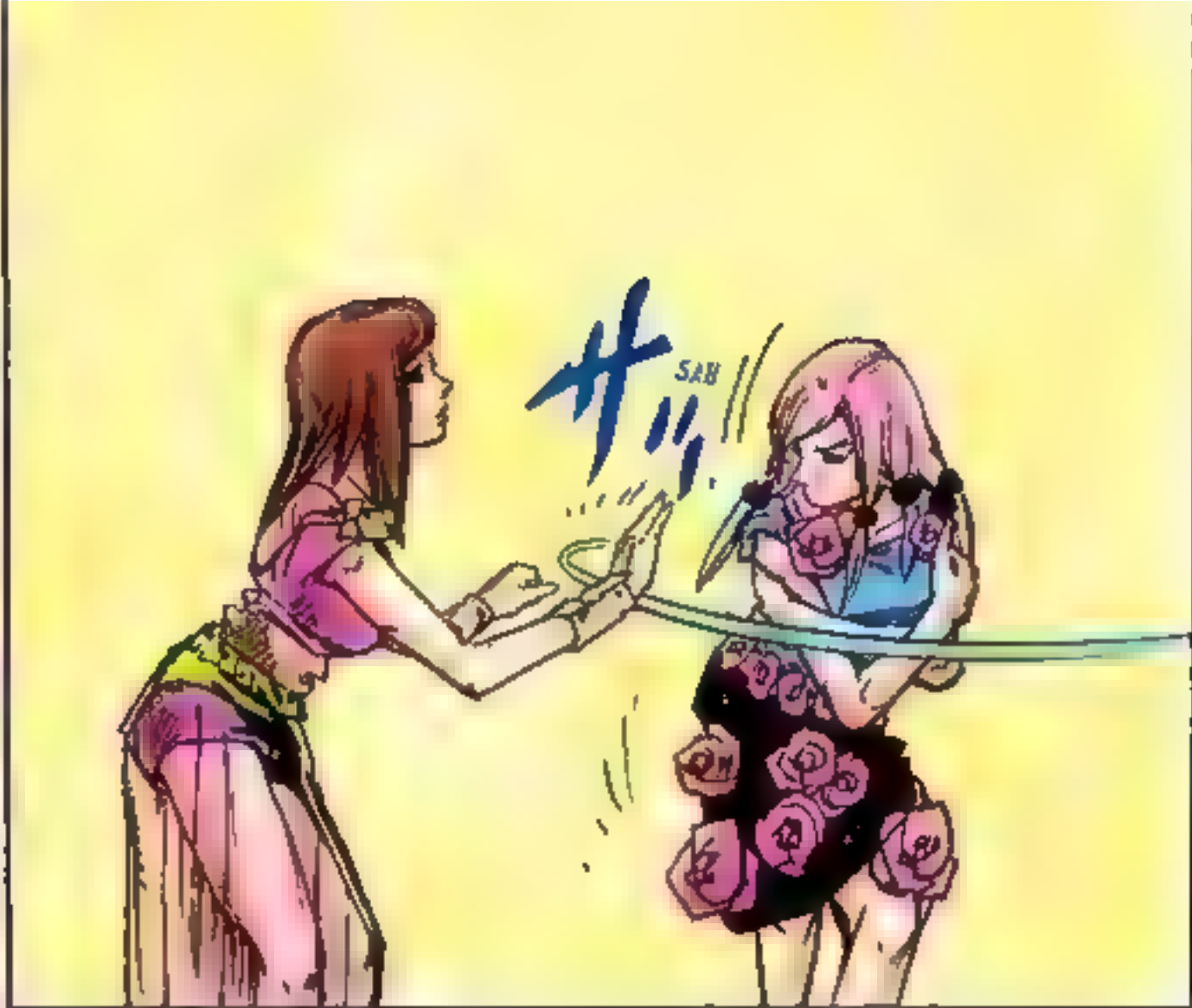








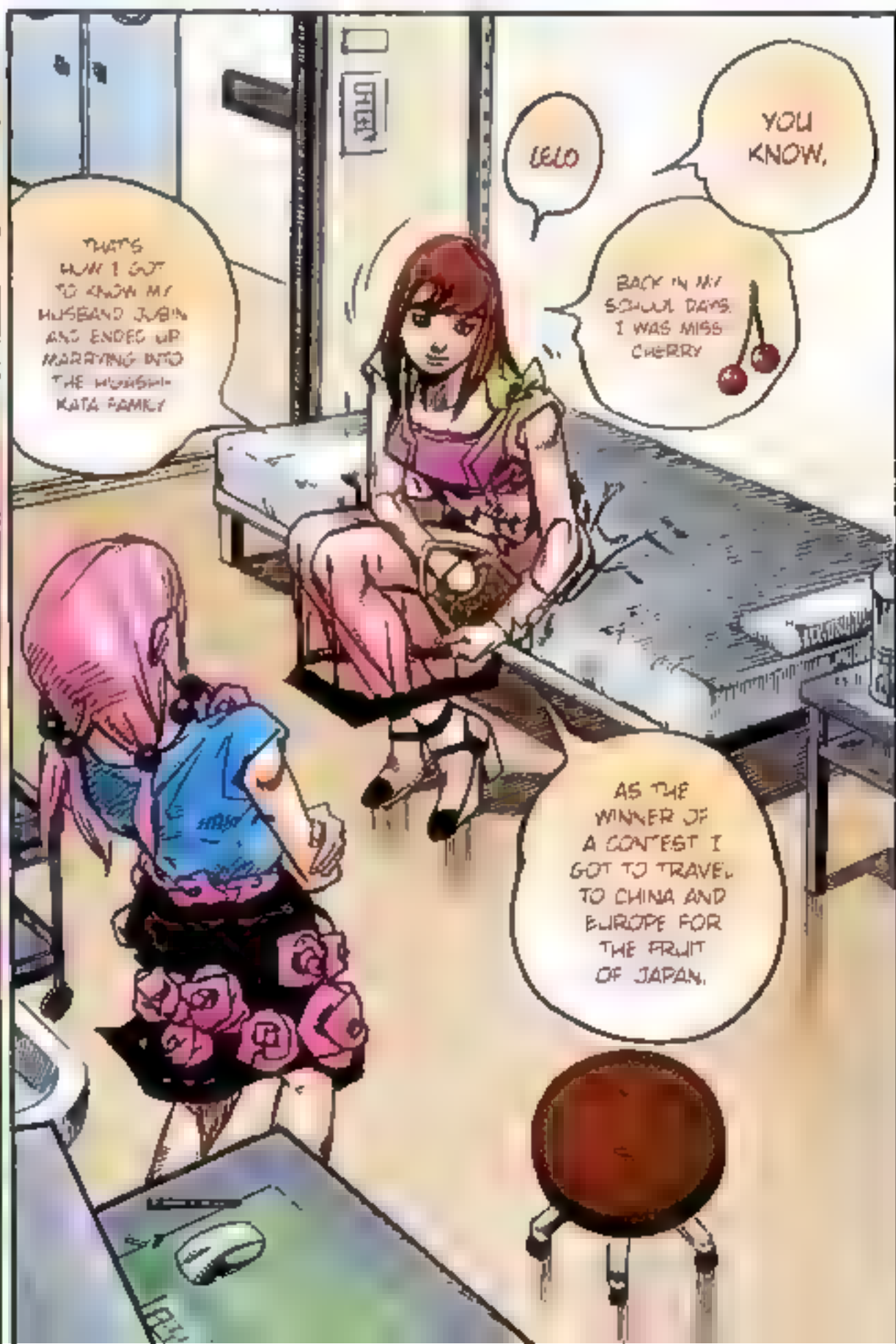




I WAS EVEN A MODEL FOR HIGASHIKATA FRUIT PARLOR ADS.

MORESO AFTER I HAD T'SURUGH THAN WHEN I WAS YOUNGER

I HAD SUPPORT FROM THE WHOLE FAMILY AND IT HELPED SALES, TOO.



THAT'S HOW I GOT TO KNOW MY HUSBAND JUBIN AND ENDED UP MARRYING INTO THE HIGASHIKATA FAMILY

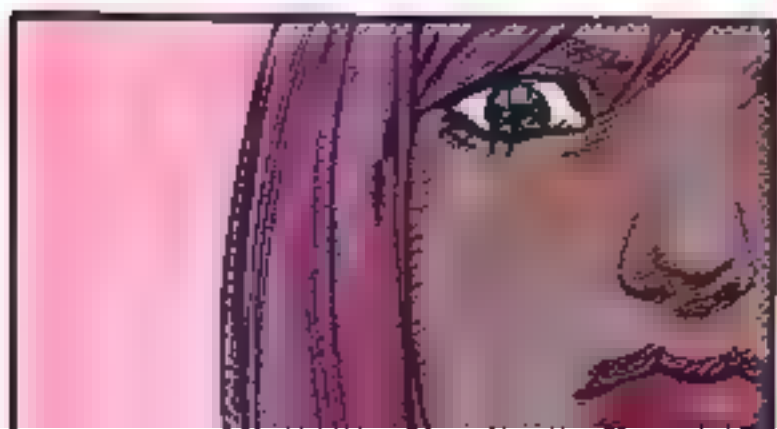
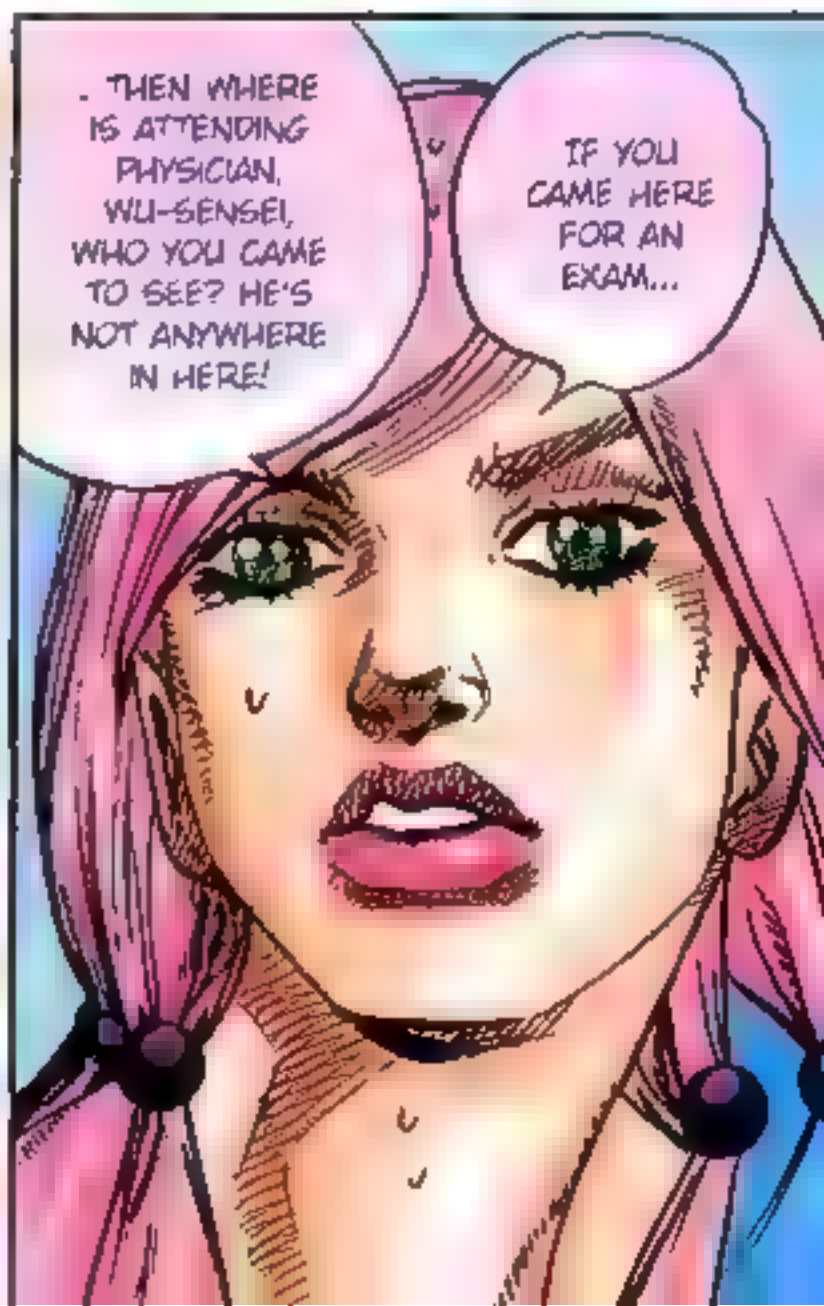
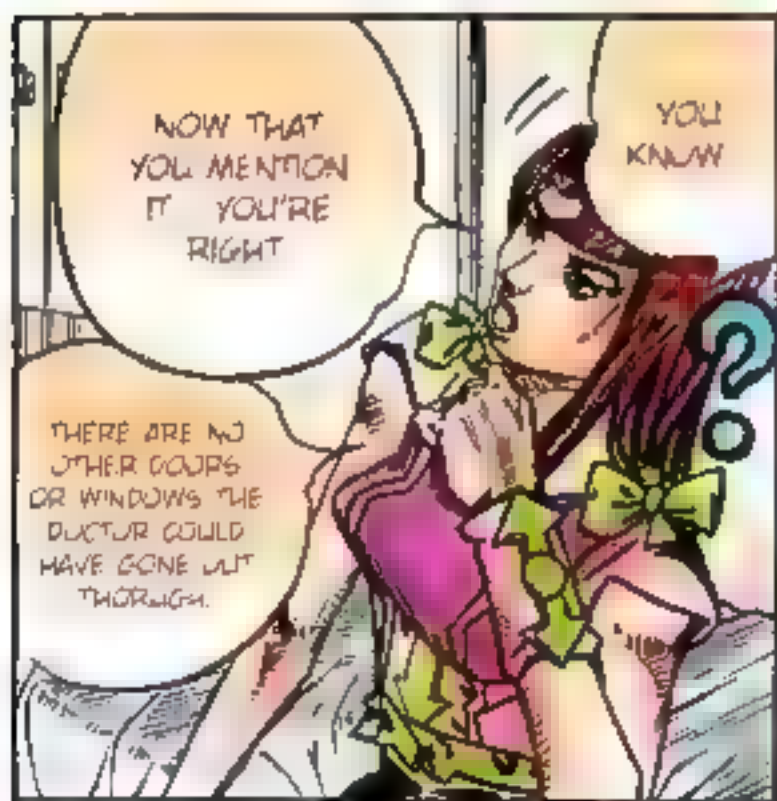
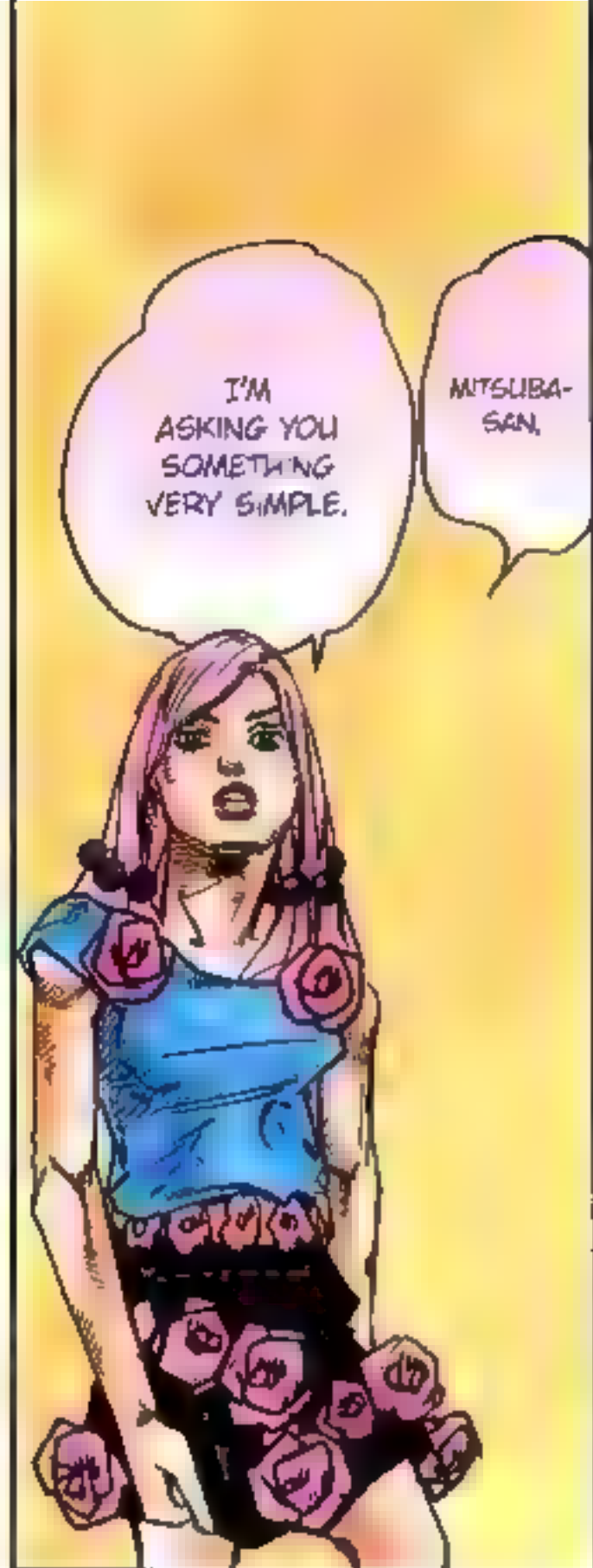
LELO

YOU KNOW,

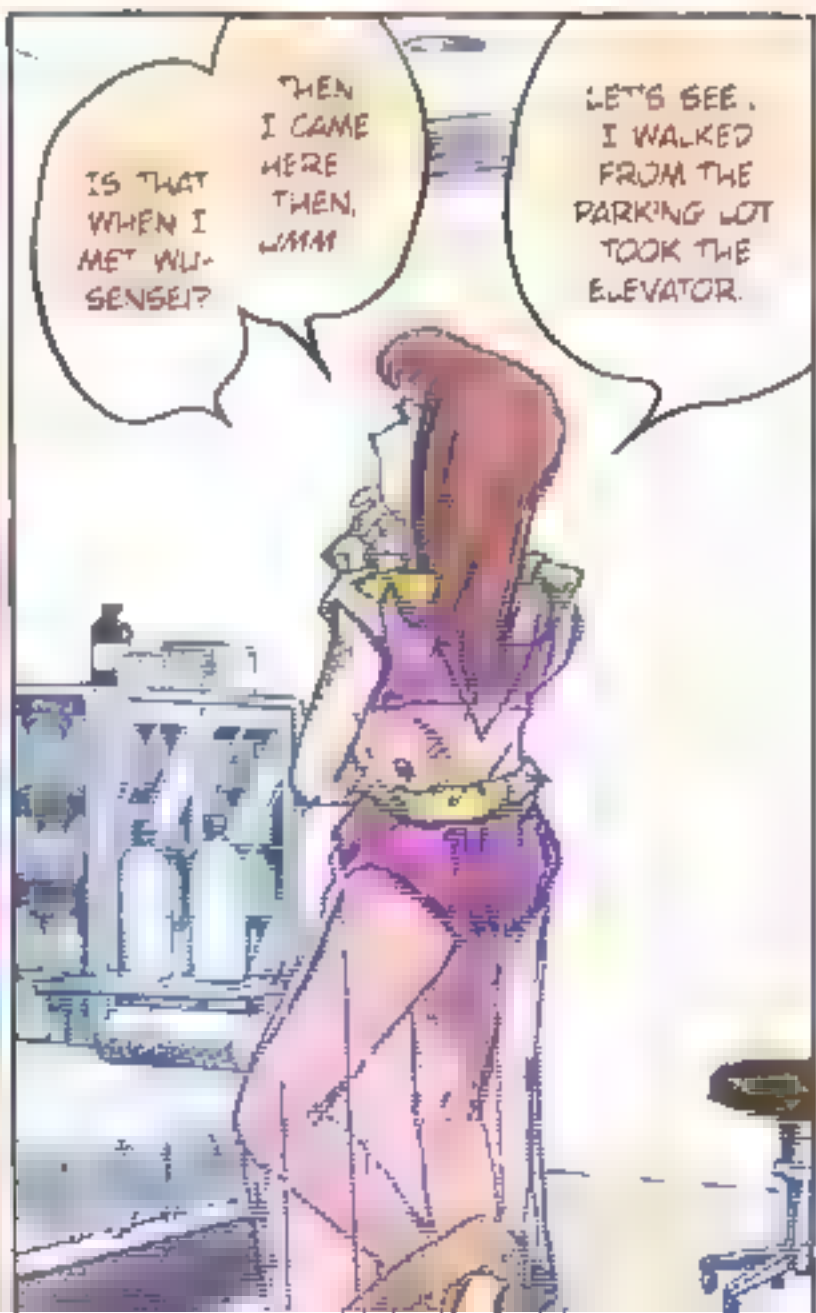
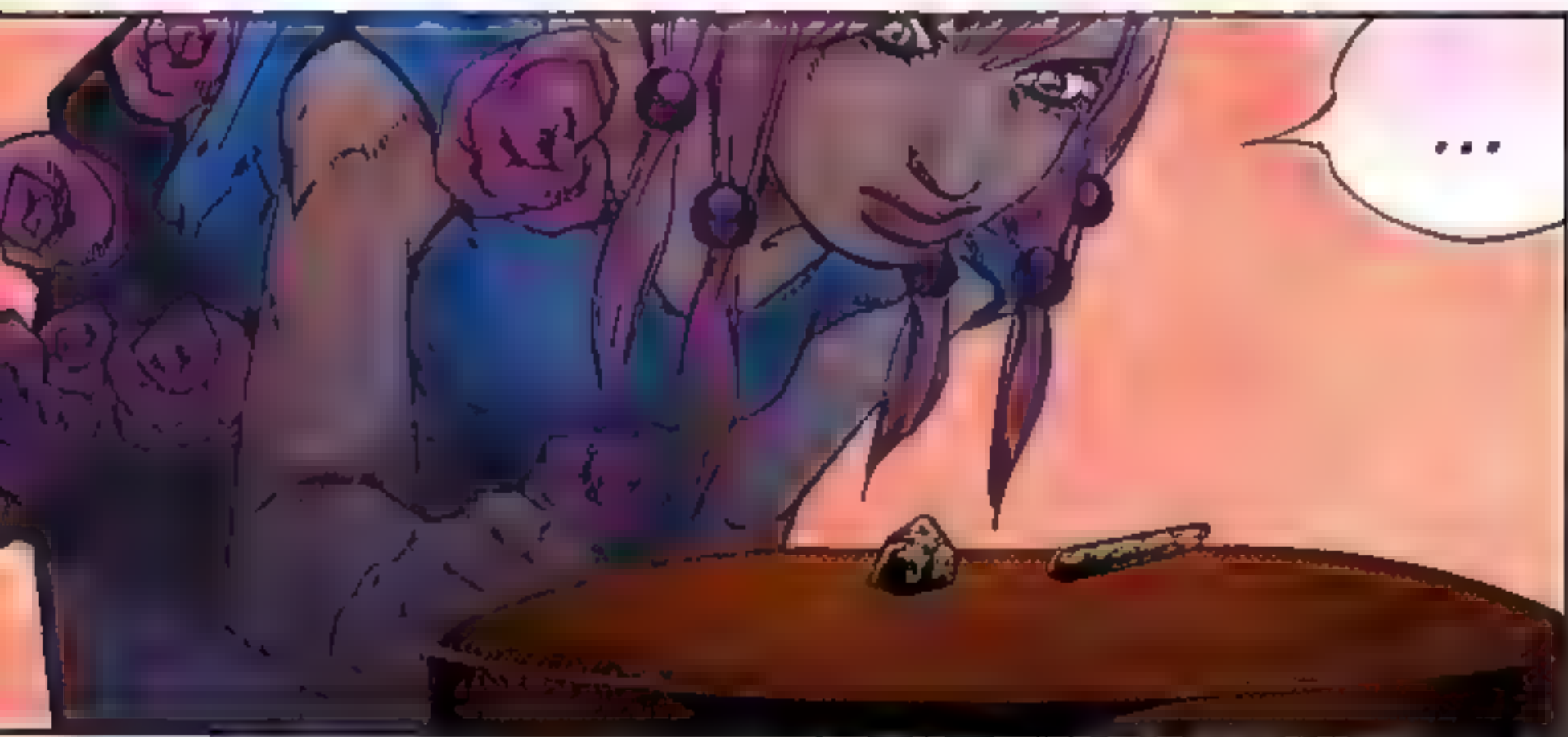
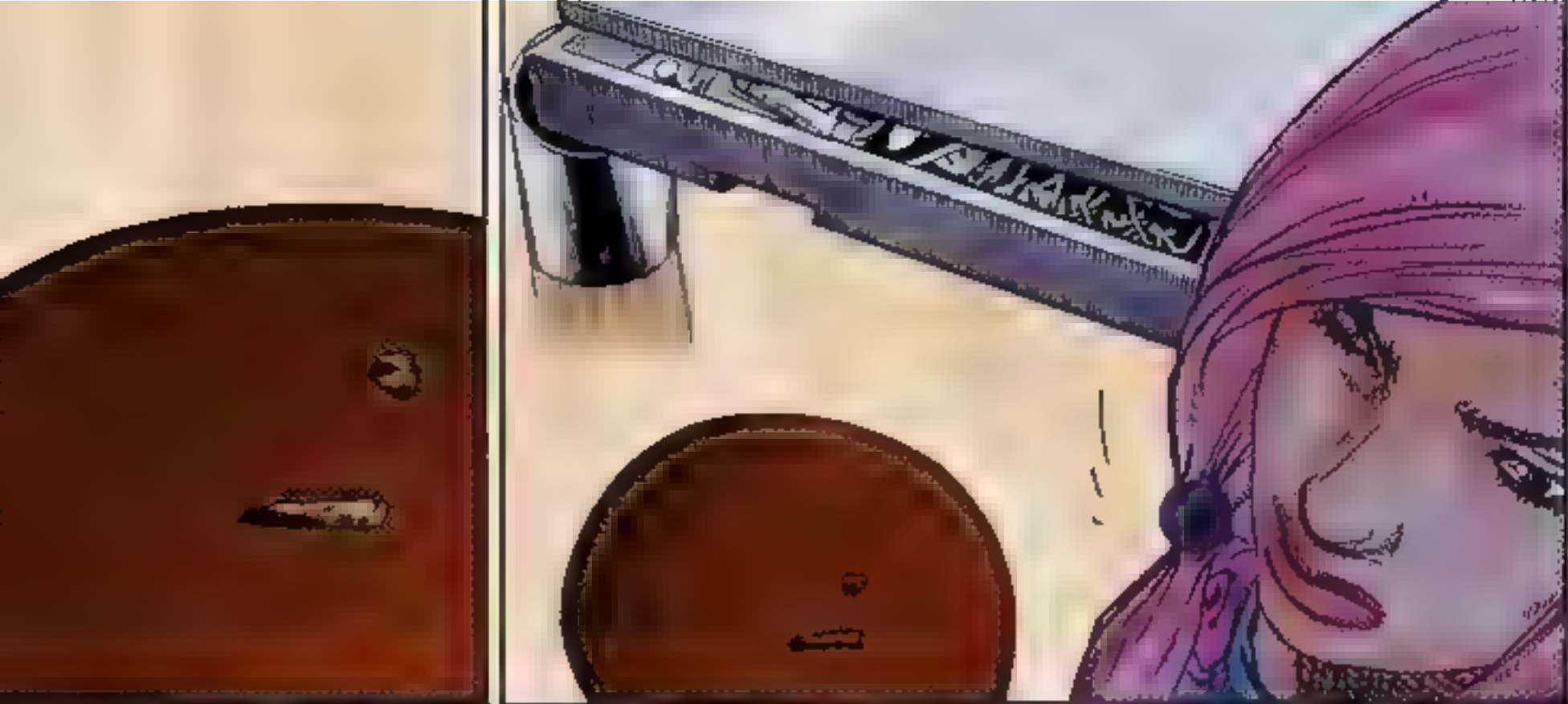
BACK IN MY SCHOOL DAYS I WAS MISS CHERRY

AS THE WINNER OF A CONTEST I GOT TO TRAVEL TO CHINA AND EUROPE FOR THE FRUIT OF JAPAN.

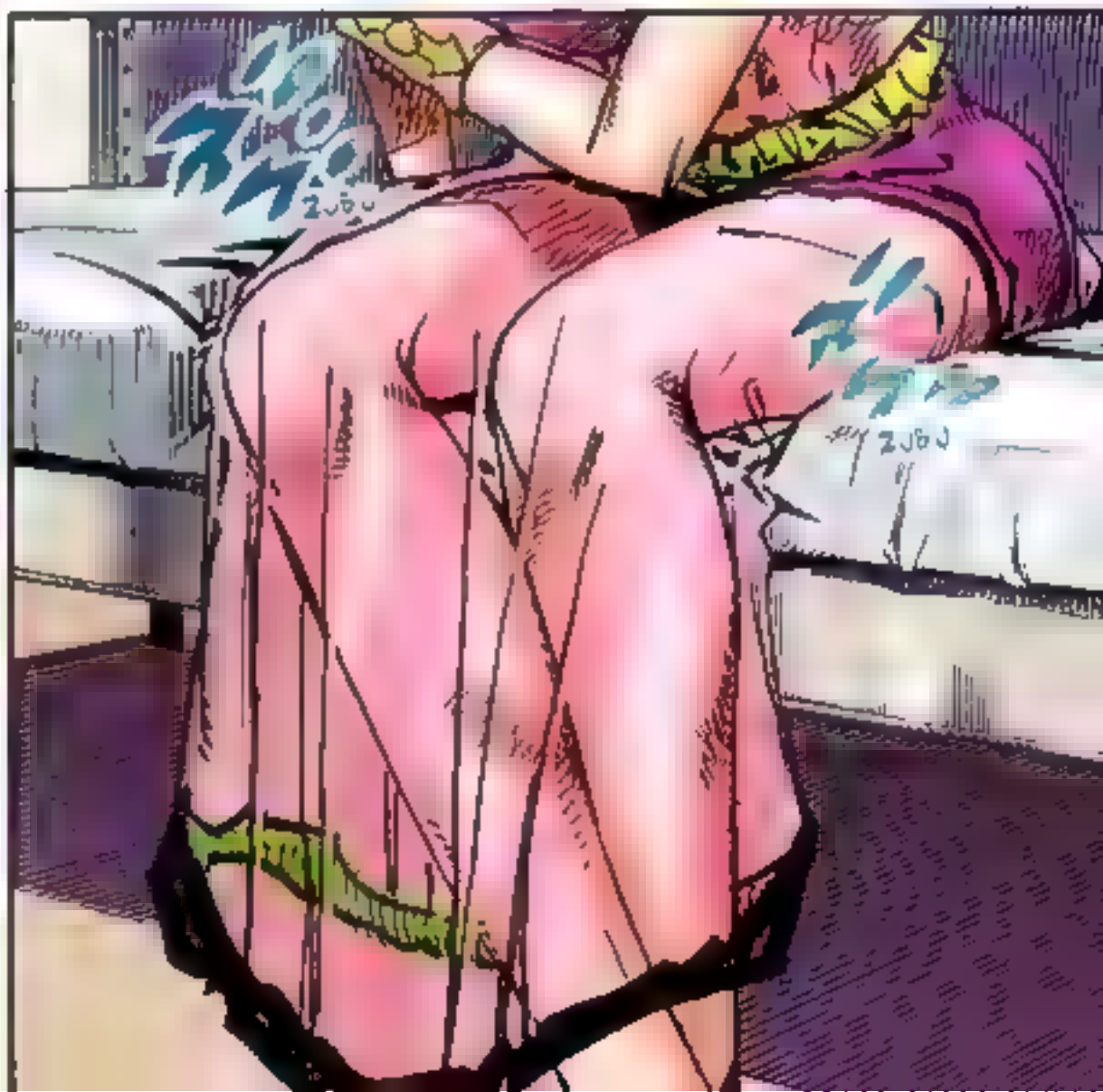
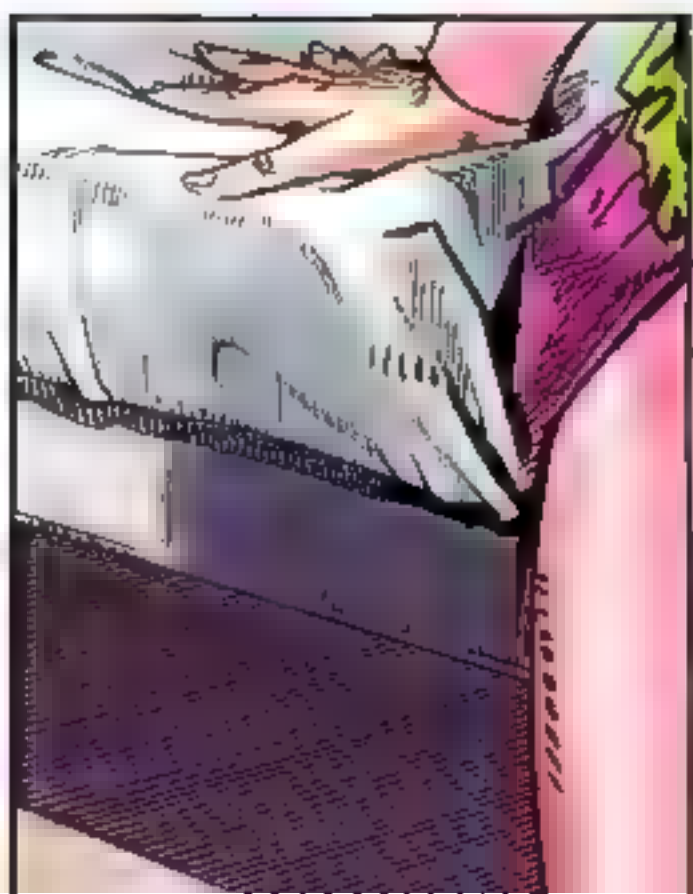
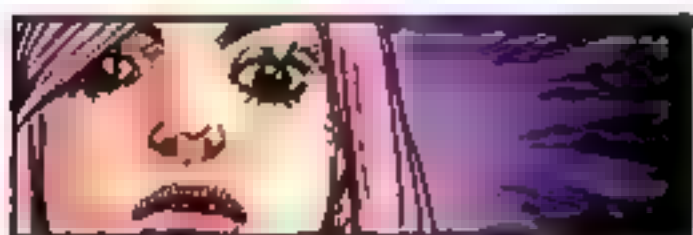
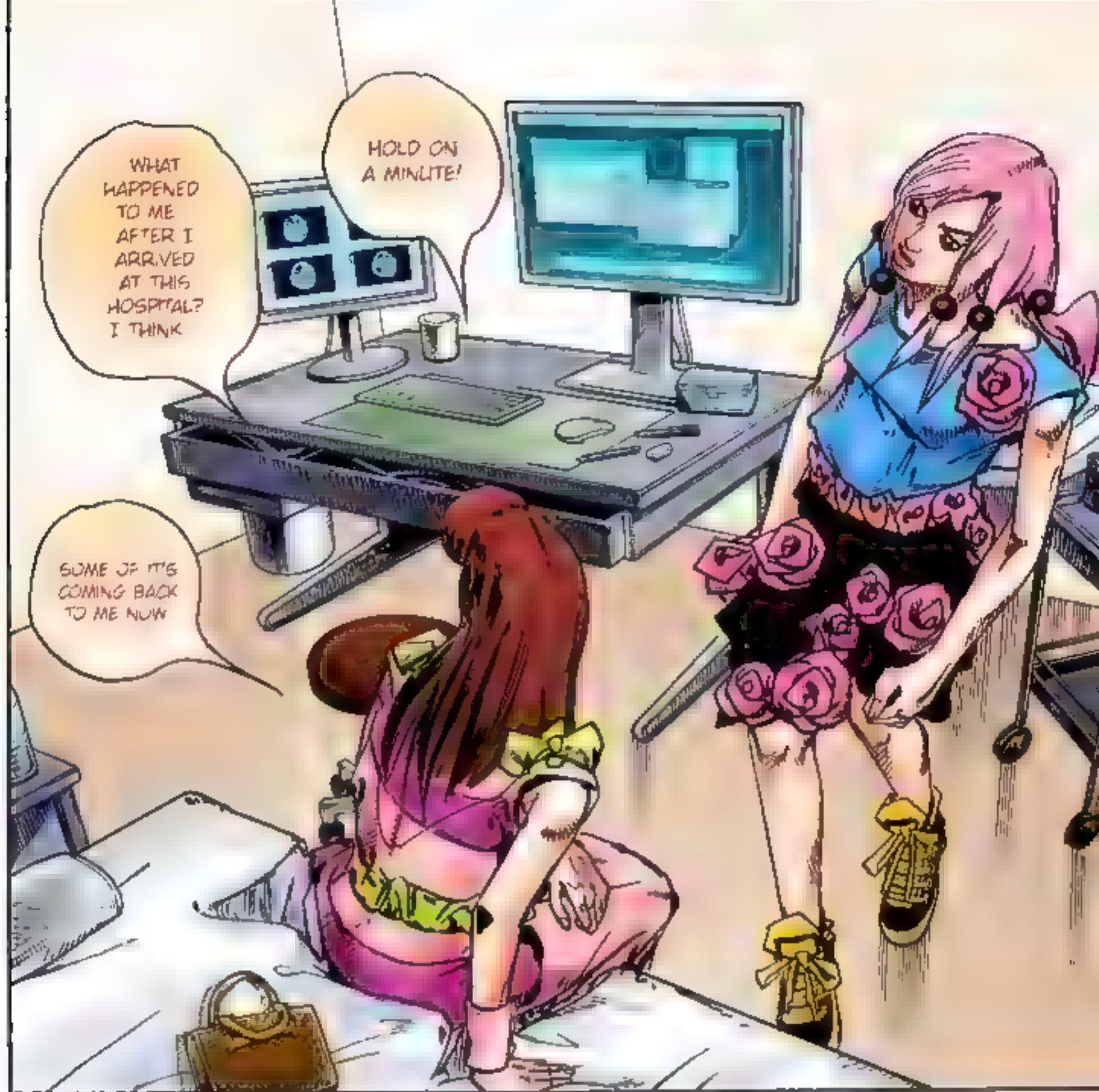




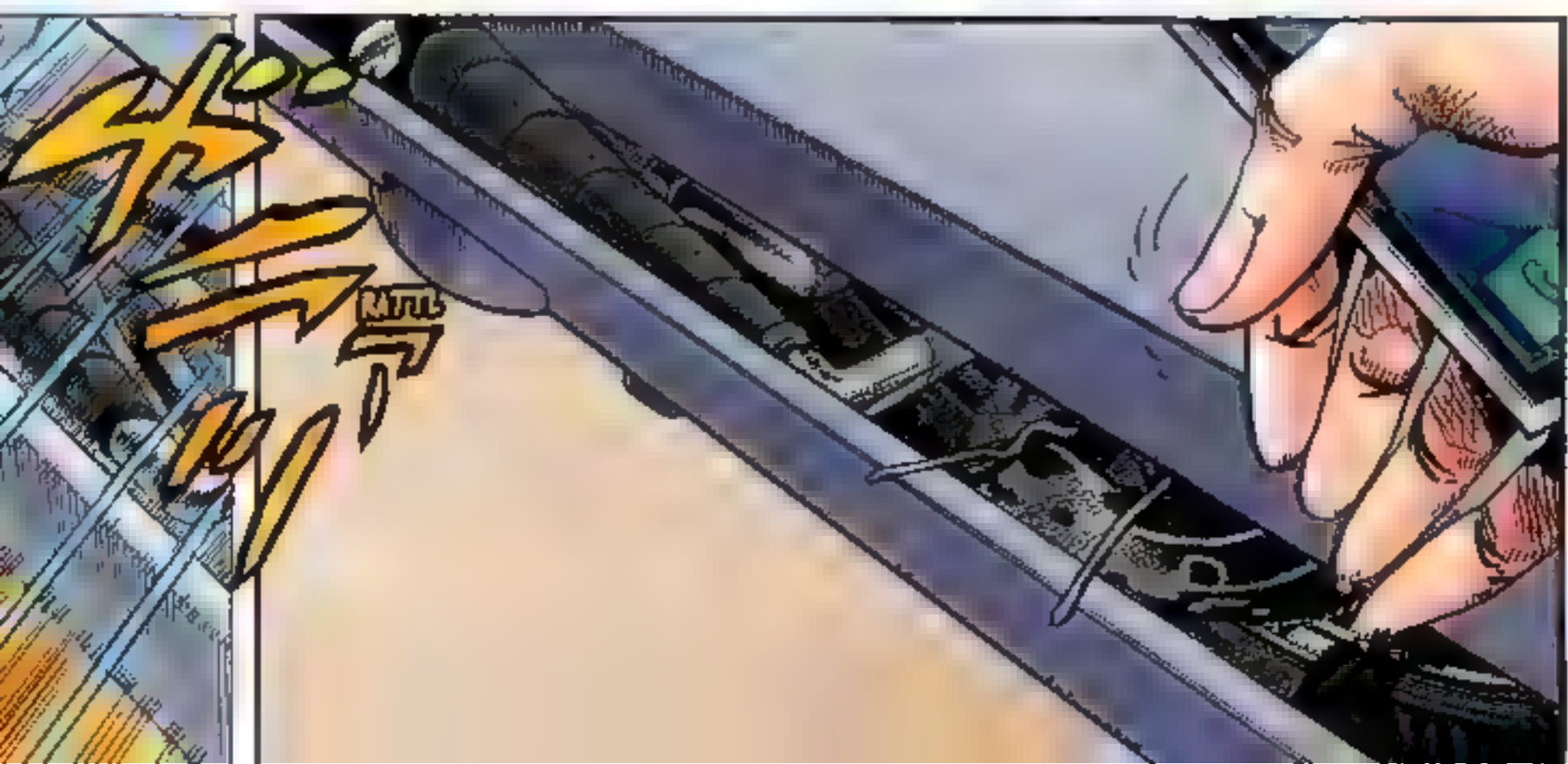
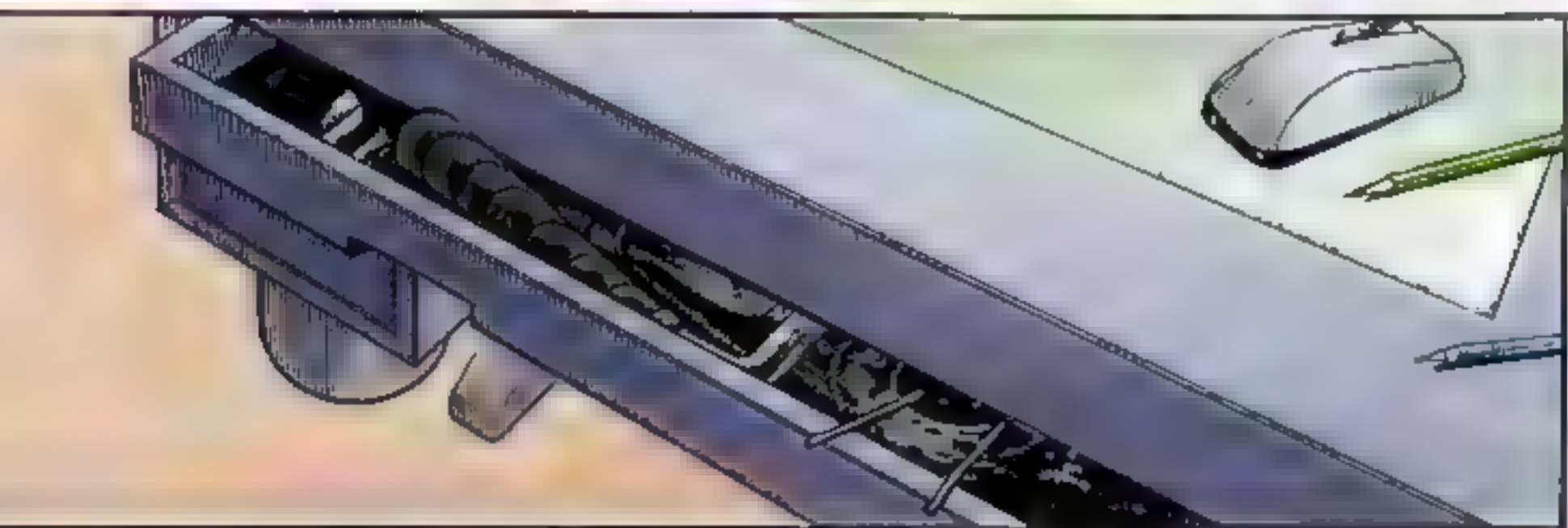
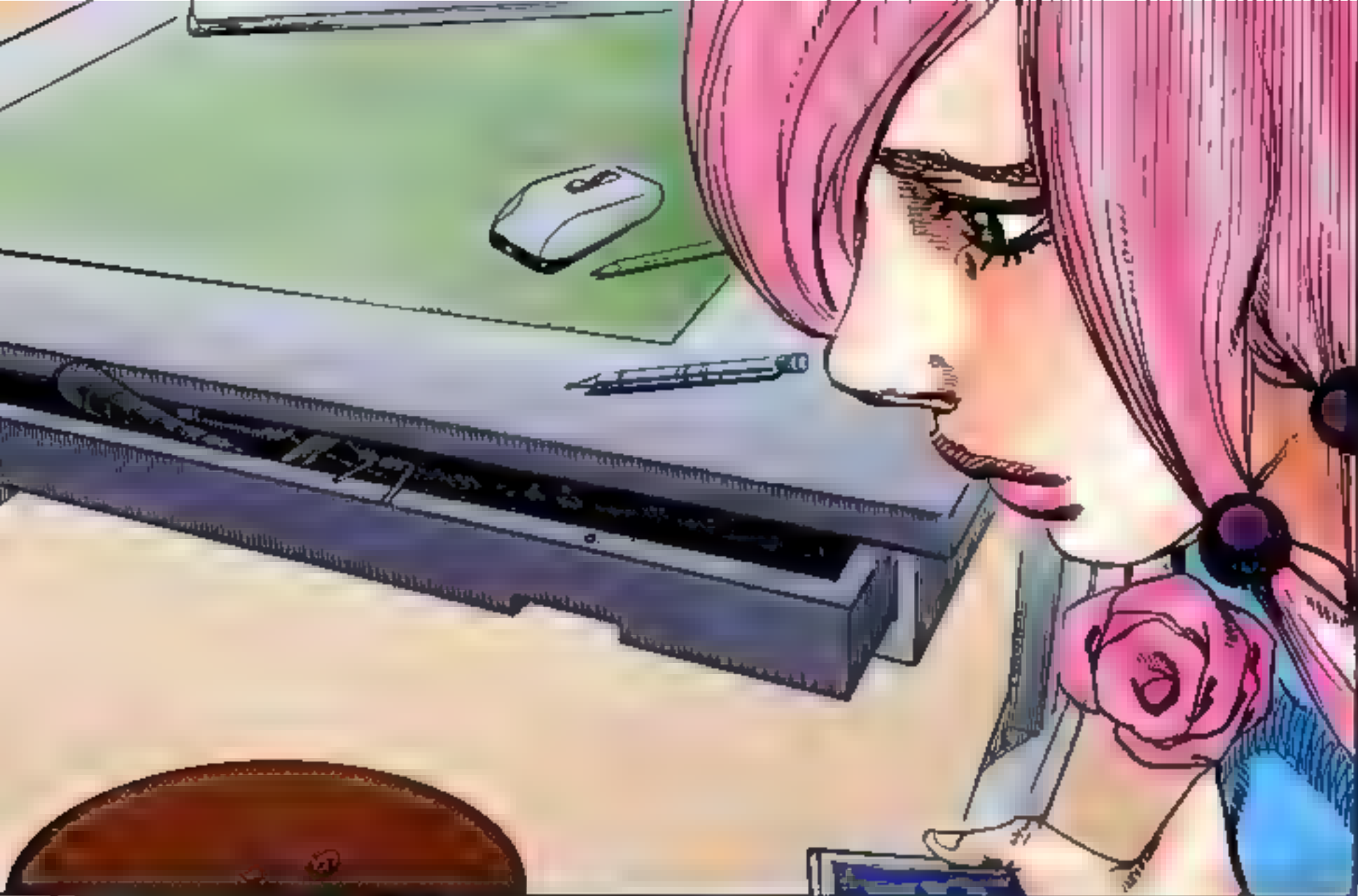






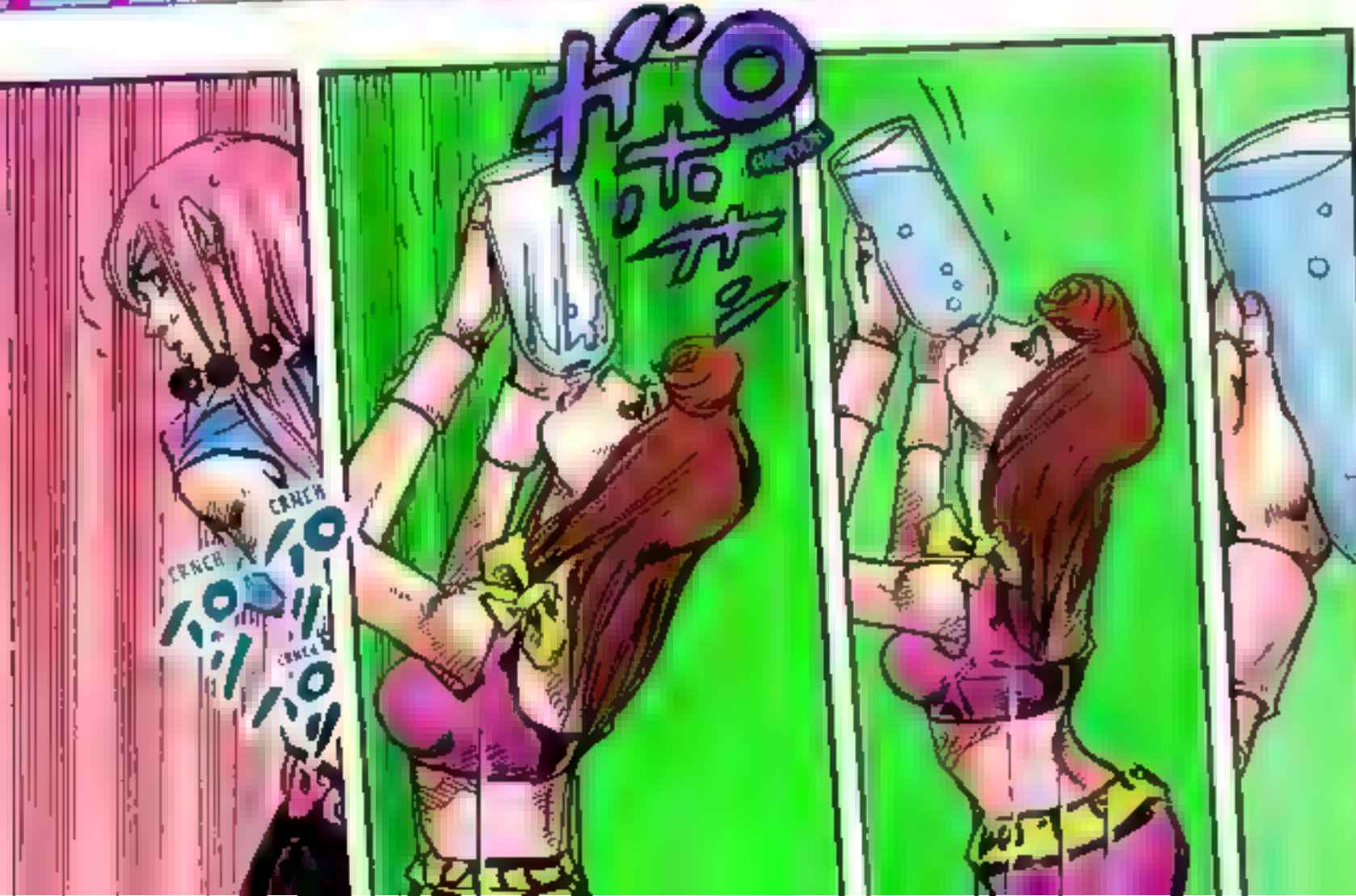
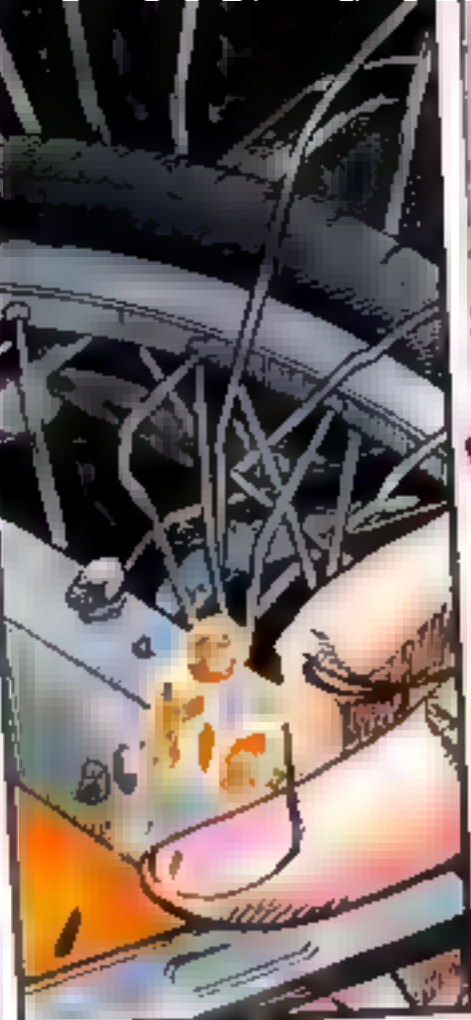
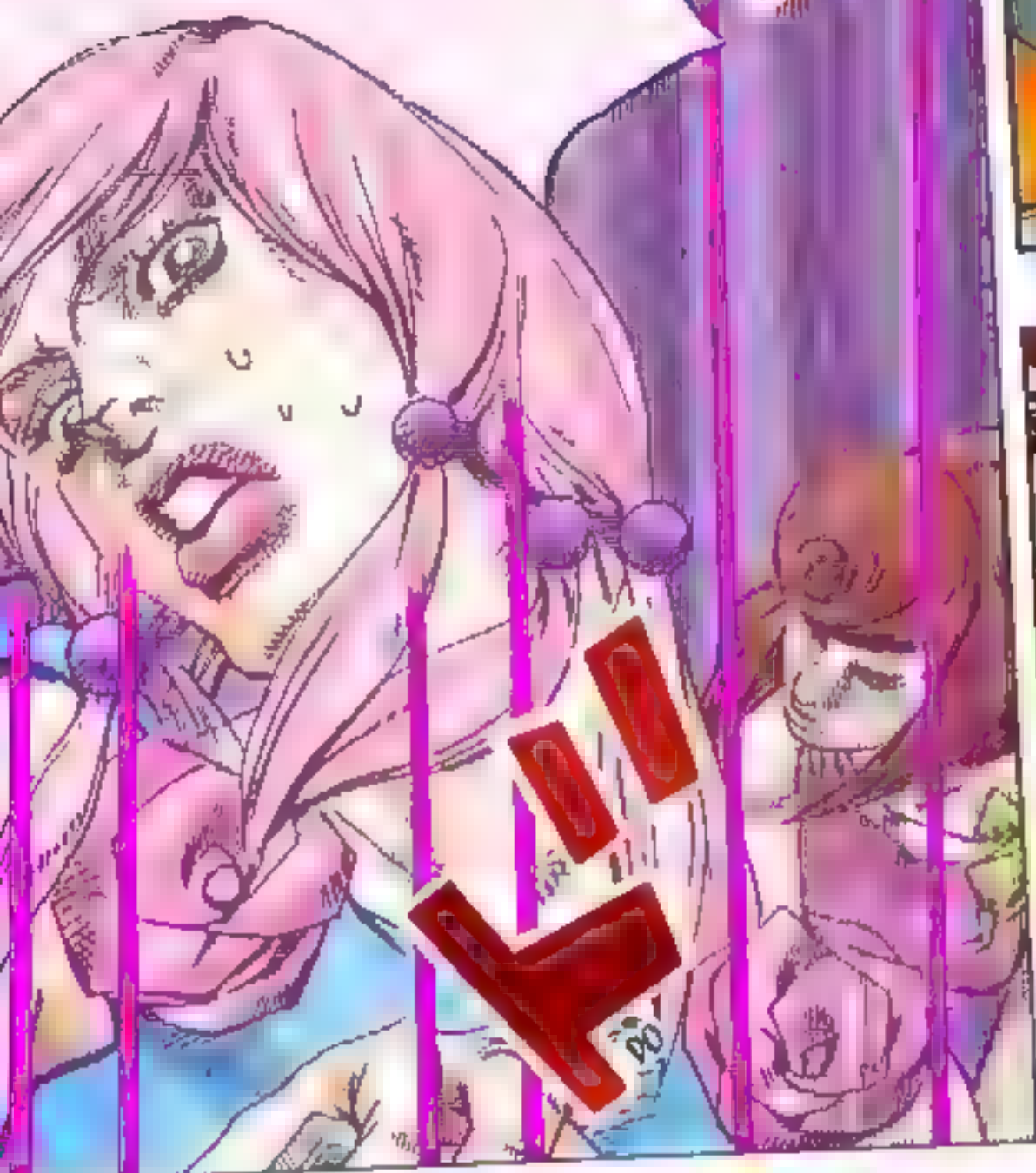




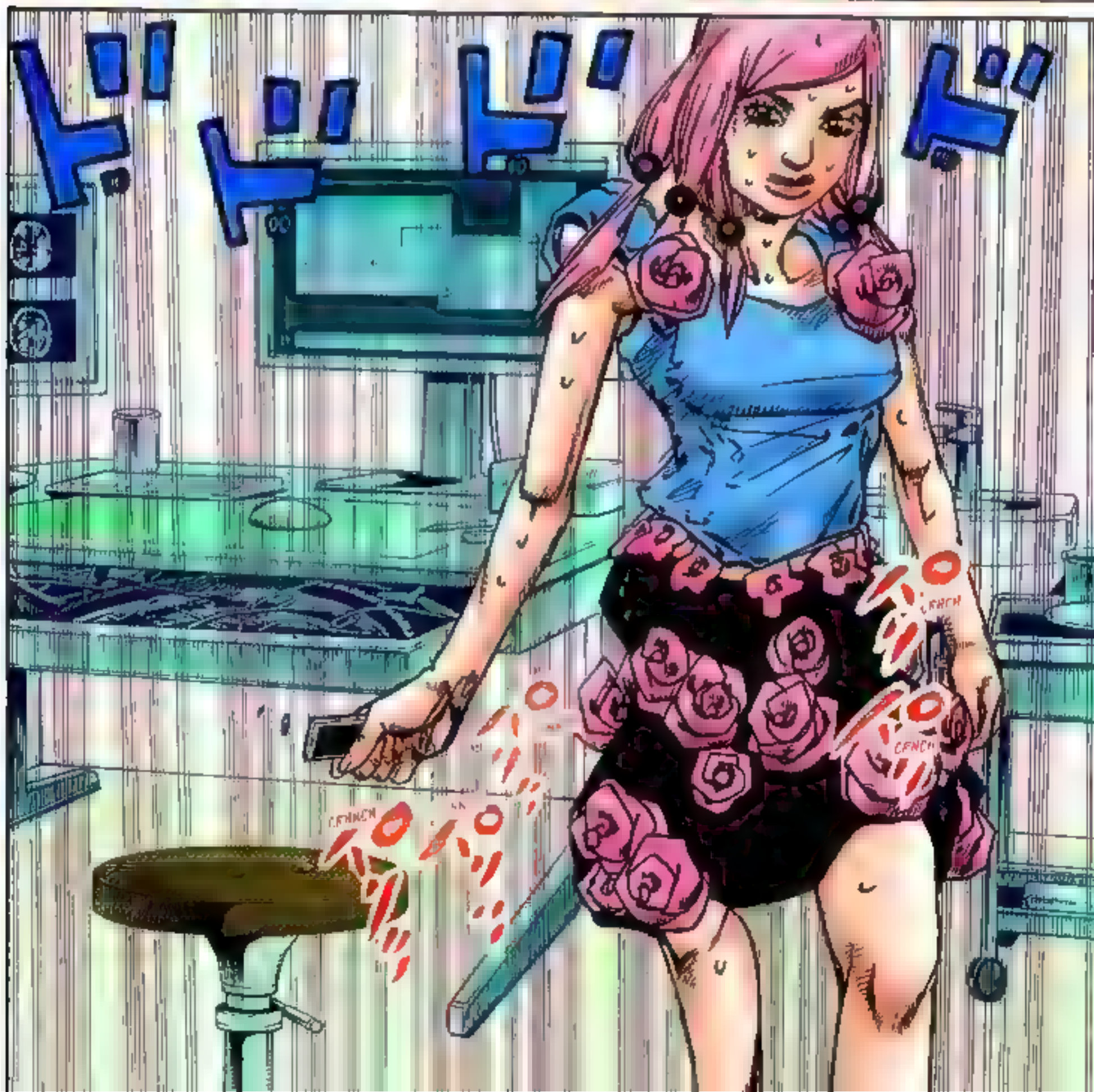
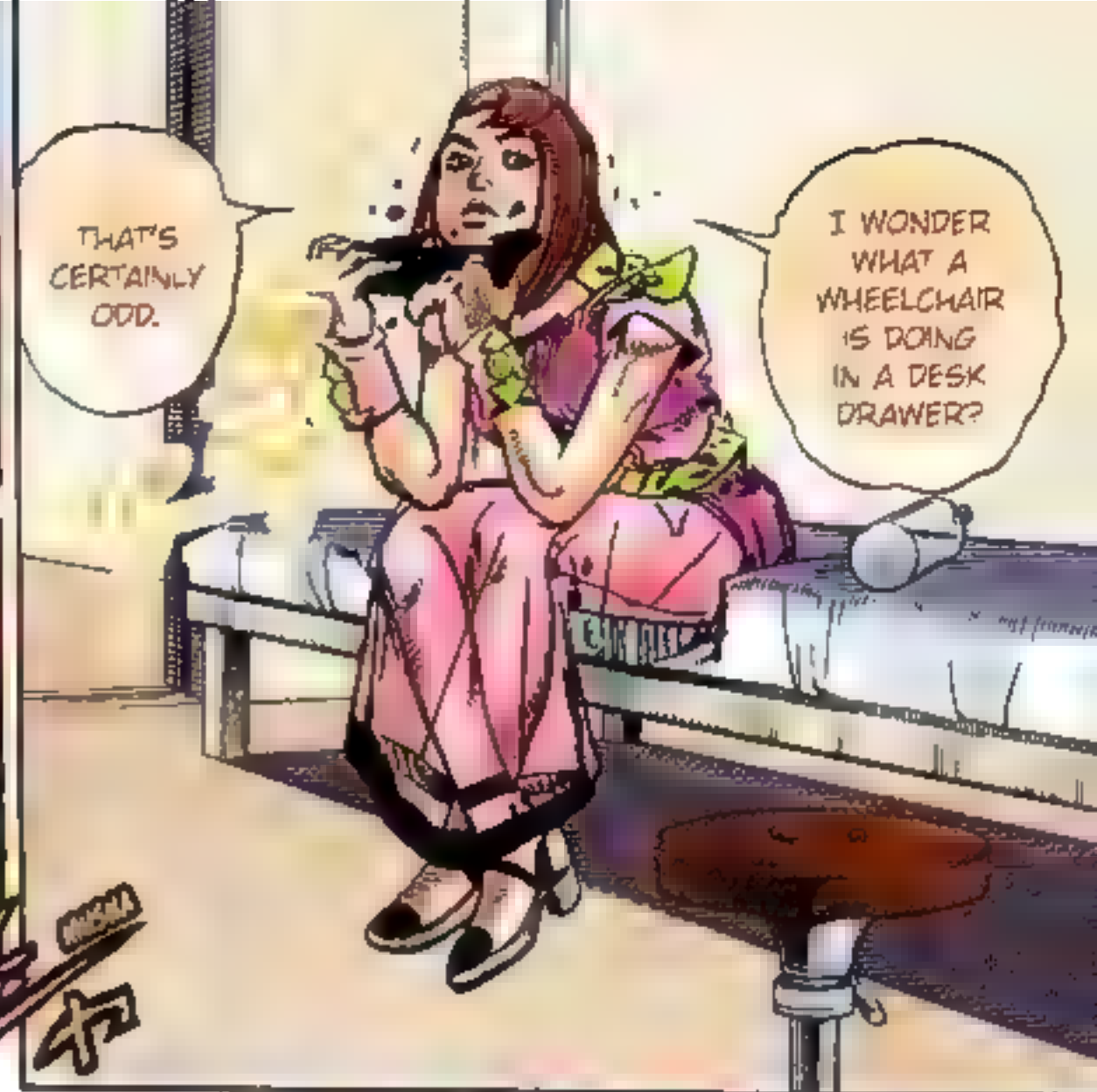




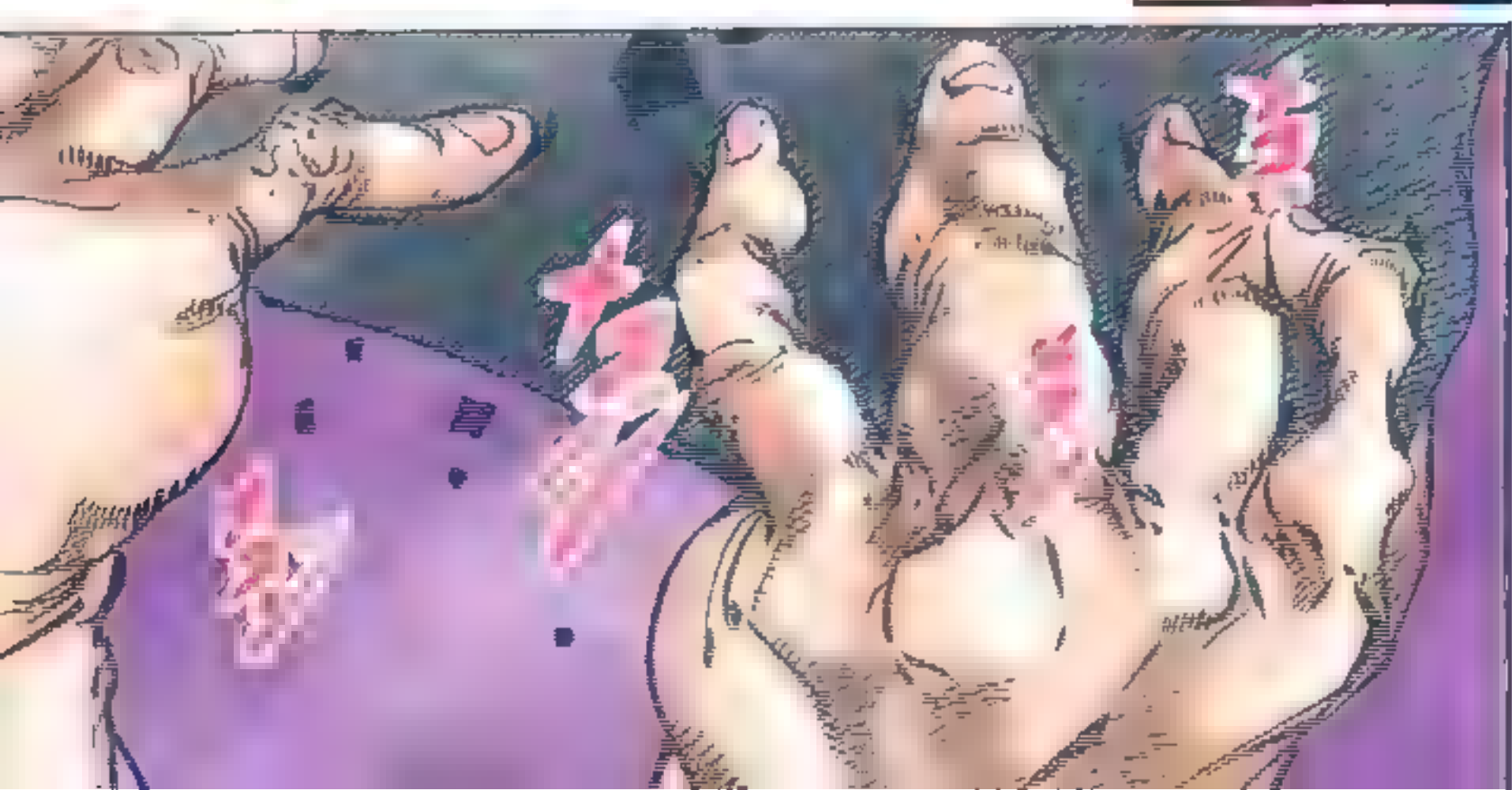
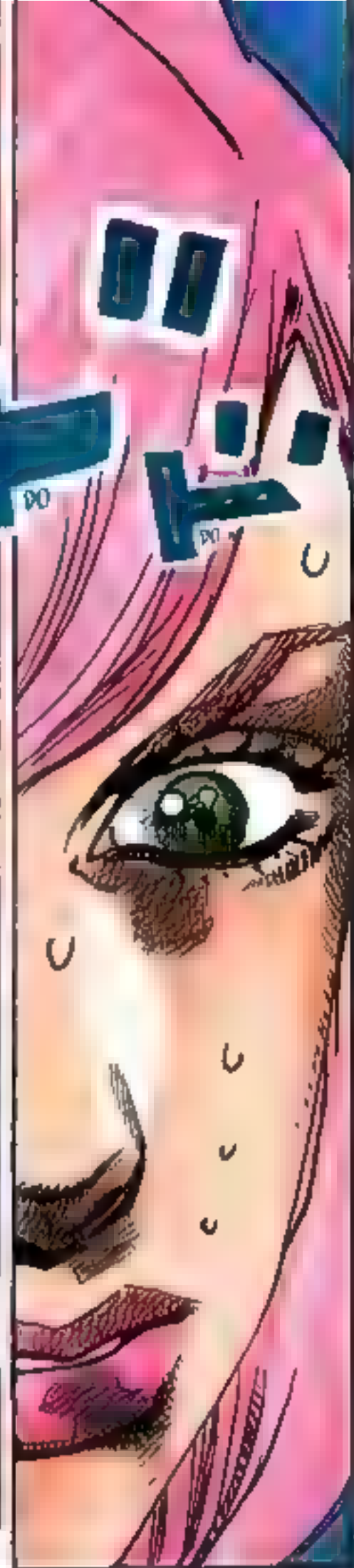
IT'S... IT'S  
TOTALLY  
FLAT...! WH-  
'WHAT'  
HAPPENED TO  
THIS WHEEL-  
CHAIR?!



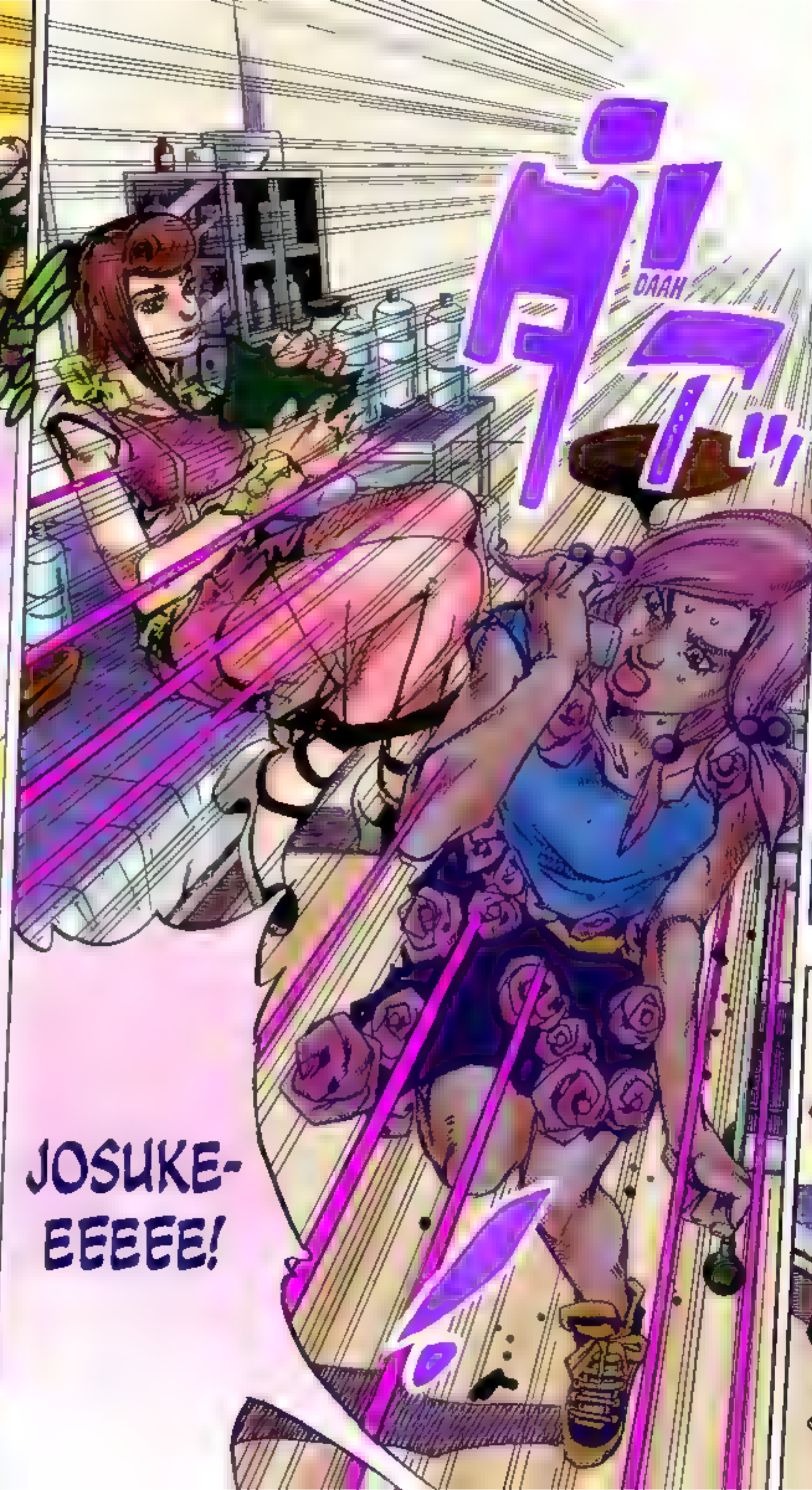
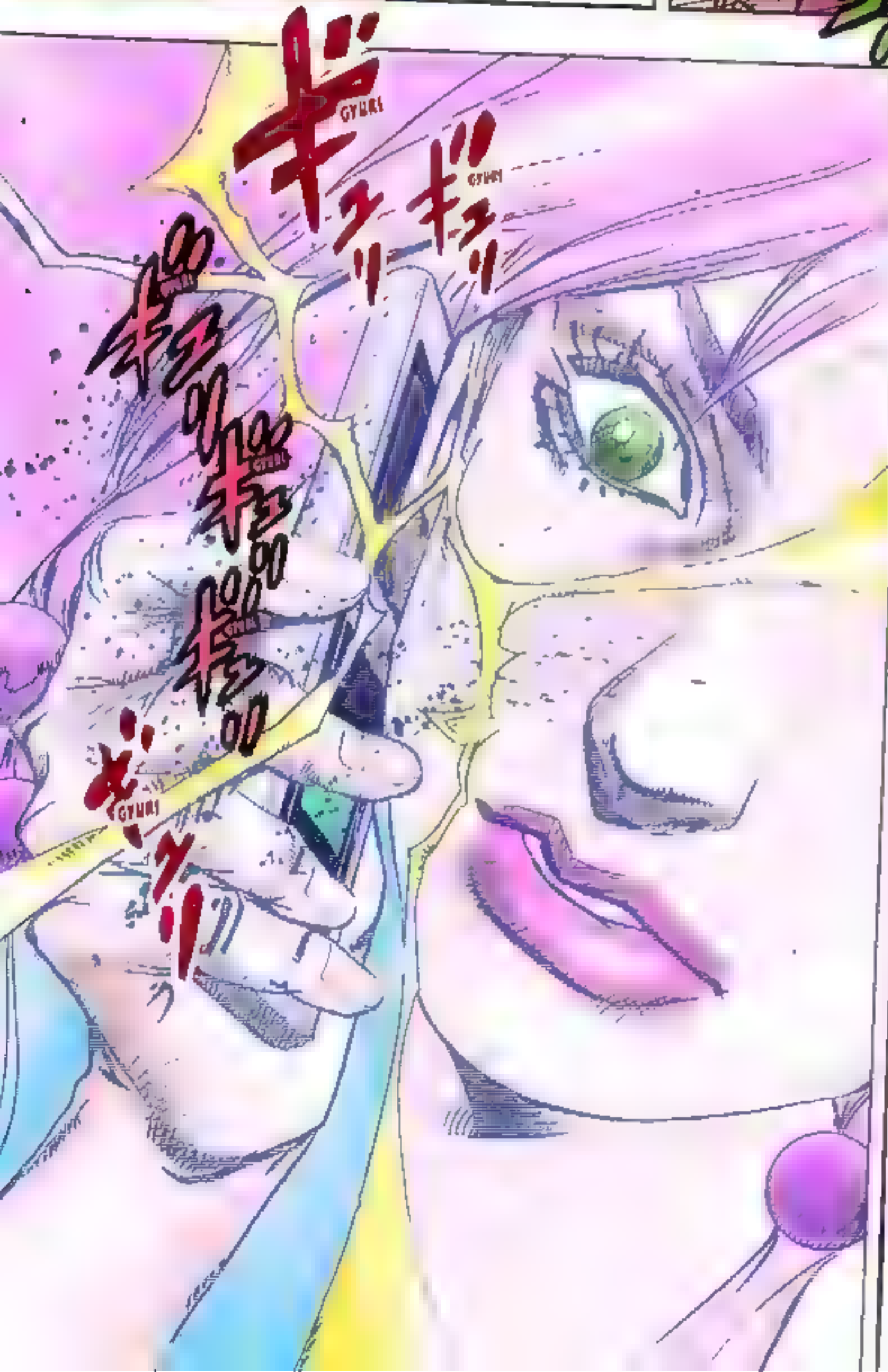
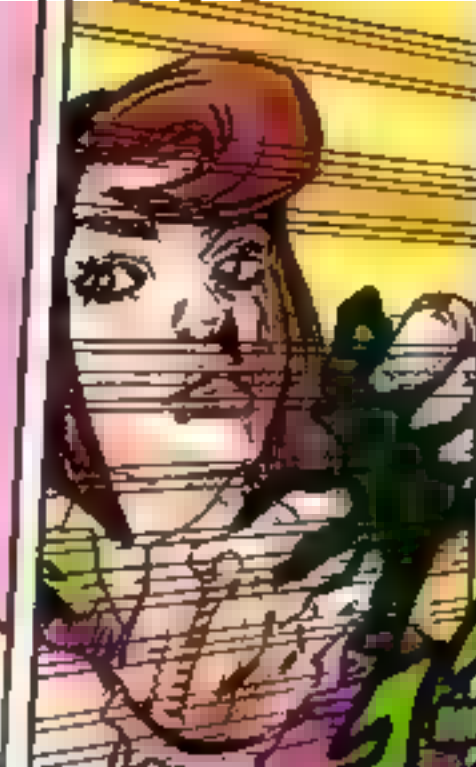
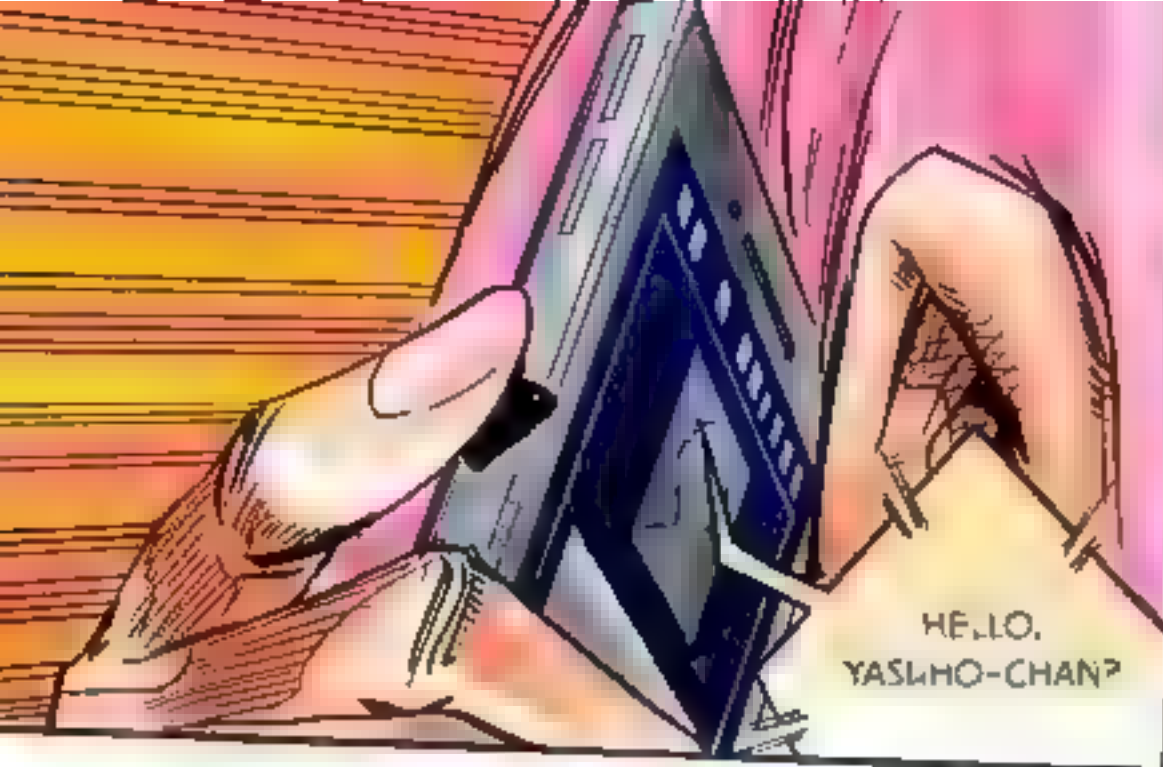




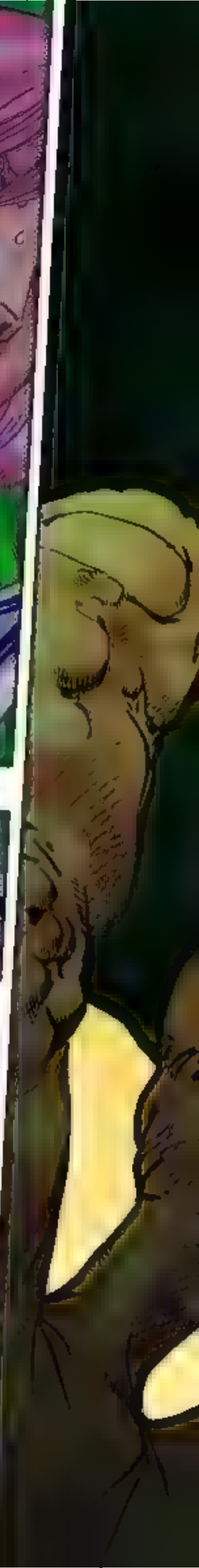
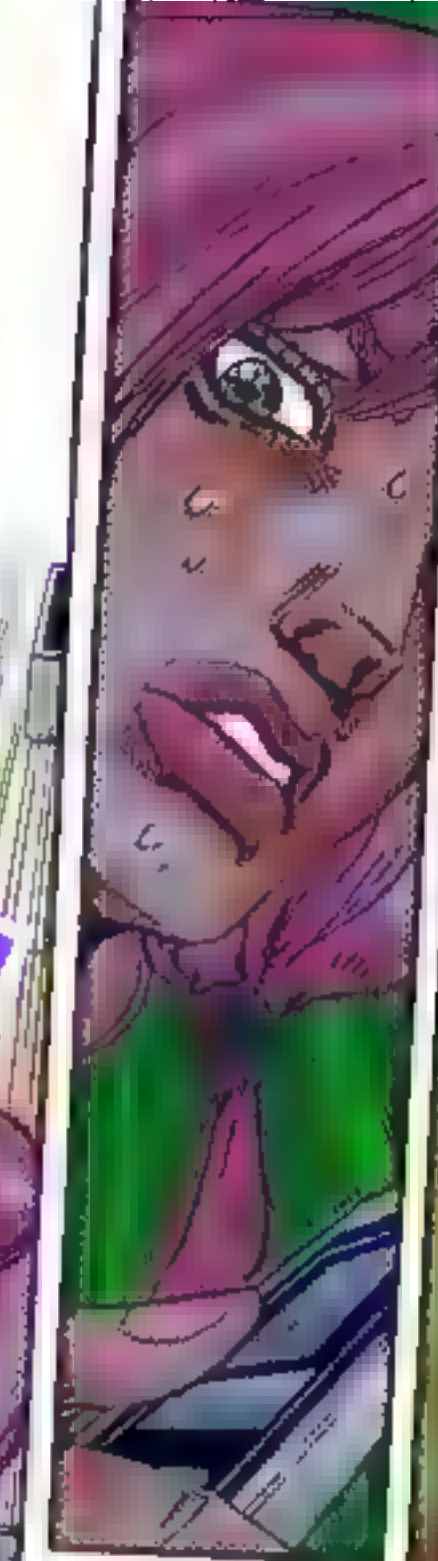




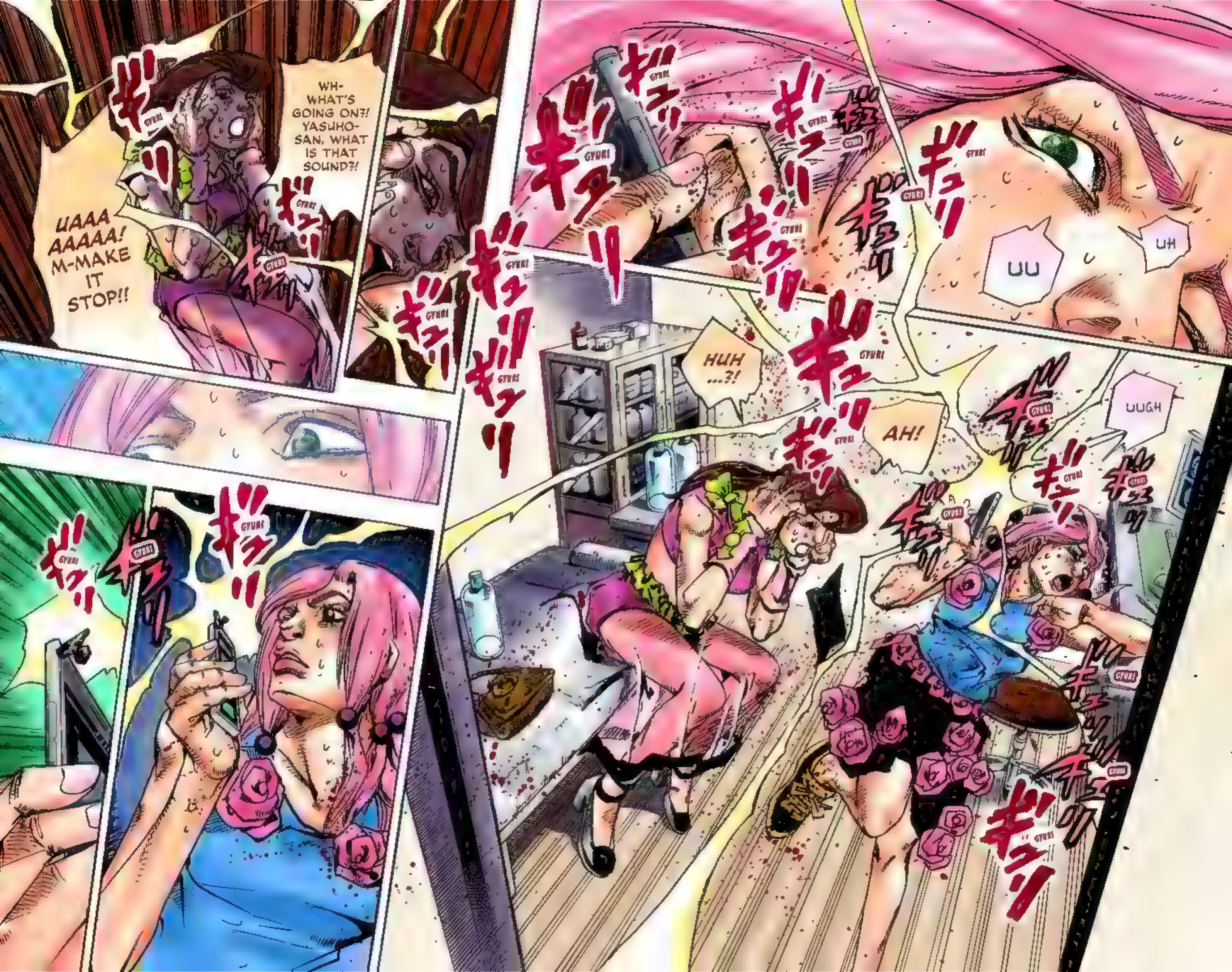




JOSUKE-  
EEEEEE!









WHAT?! THE  
'FRAGMENTS'  
ARE... RUBBING  
TOGETHER?!

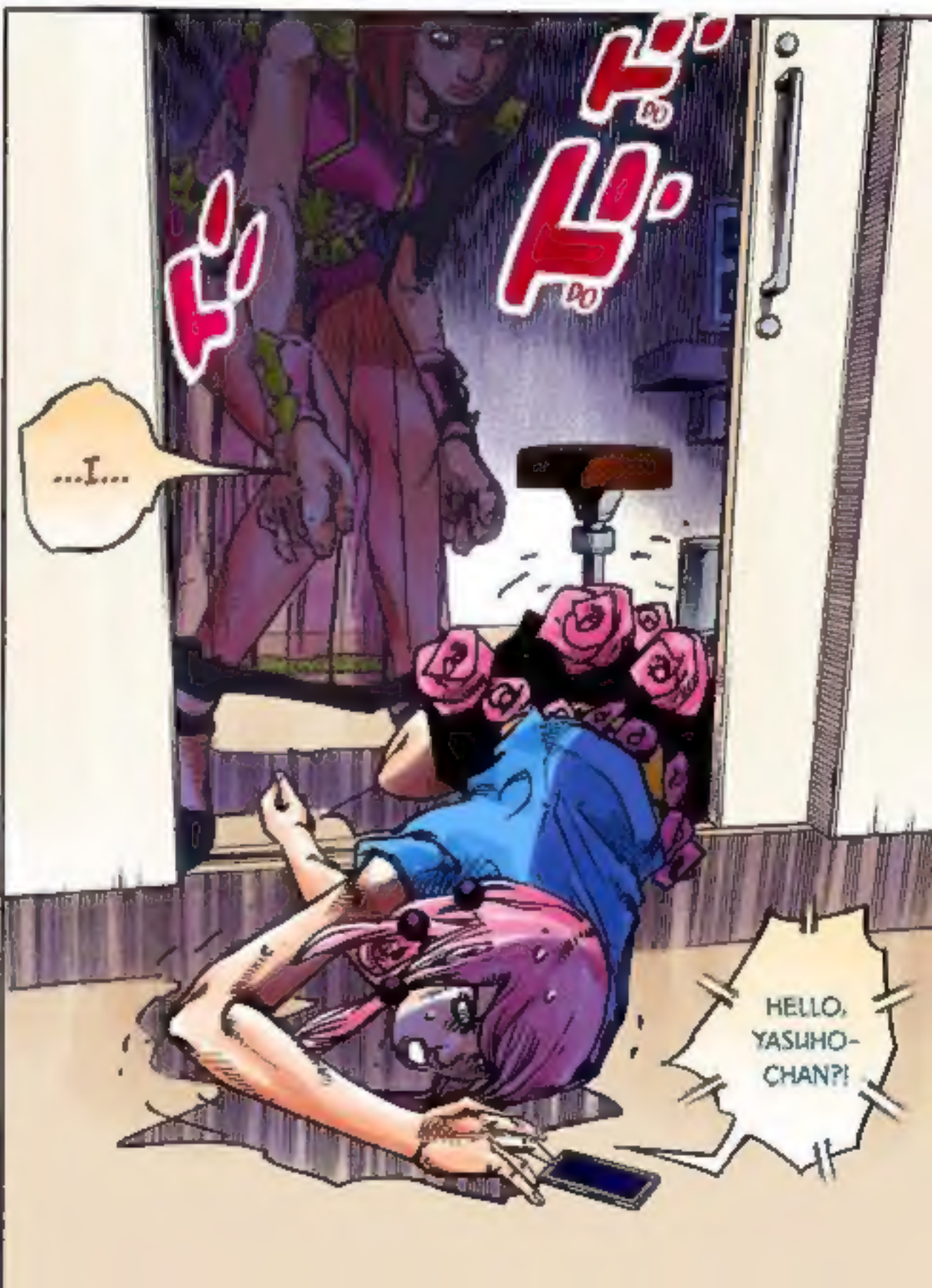
THE ONES  
THAT FELL  
ONTO THE  
STOOL?

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING,  
YASHHO-  
CHAN?!





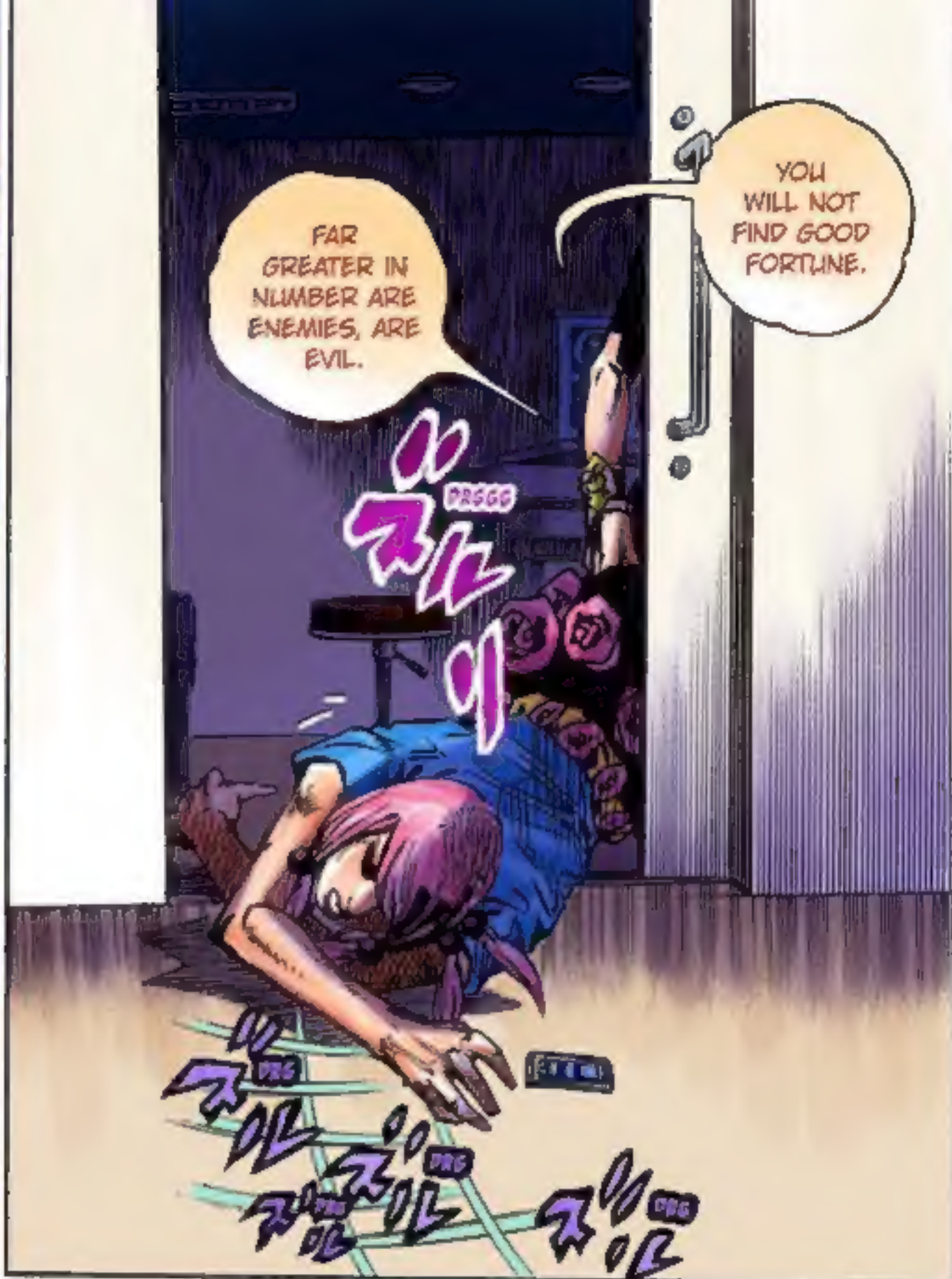








IF YOU  
DO FIND  
SOMETHING,  
IT WON'T  
BE 'GOOD  
FORTUNE'.



FAR  
GREATER IN  
NUMBER ARE  
ENEMIES, ARE  
EVIL.

YOU  
WILL NOT  
FIND GOOD  
FORTUNE.







**PRESENTED BY: DUCKS WITH HATS**

**TYPESETTING: MINEDOR, BLACKZERO**

**CLEANING: MINEDOR**

**TRANSLATION: HI WA MATA NOBORU**

**LOGO: THATDUDE**

**QUALITY CONTROL: HAMUEL, BLACKZERO**

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